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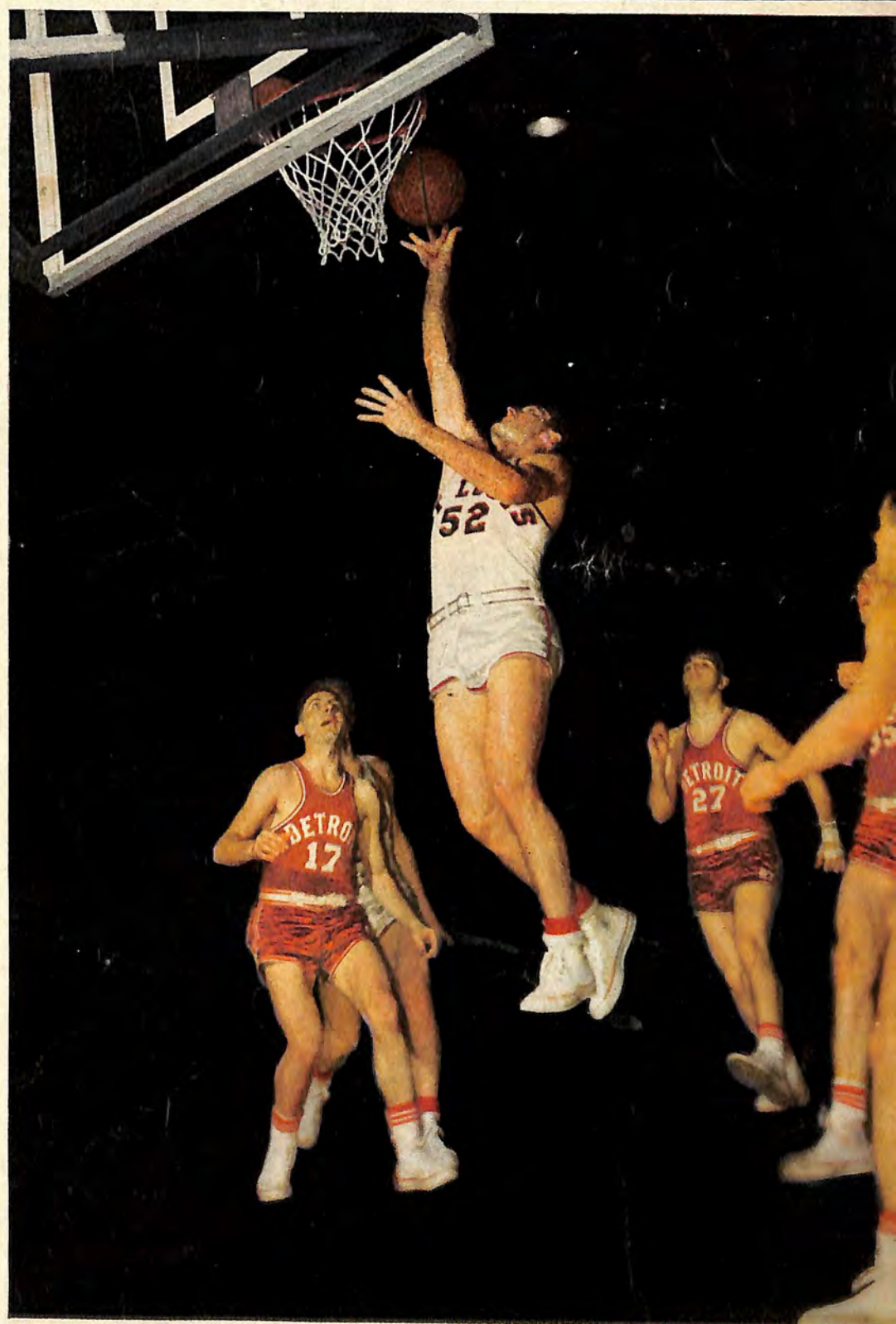
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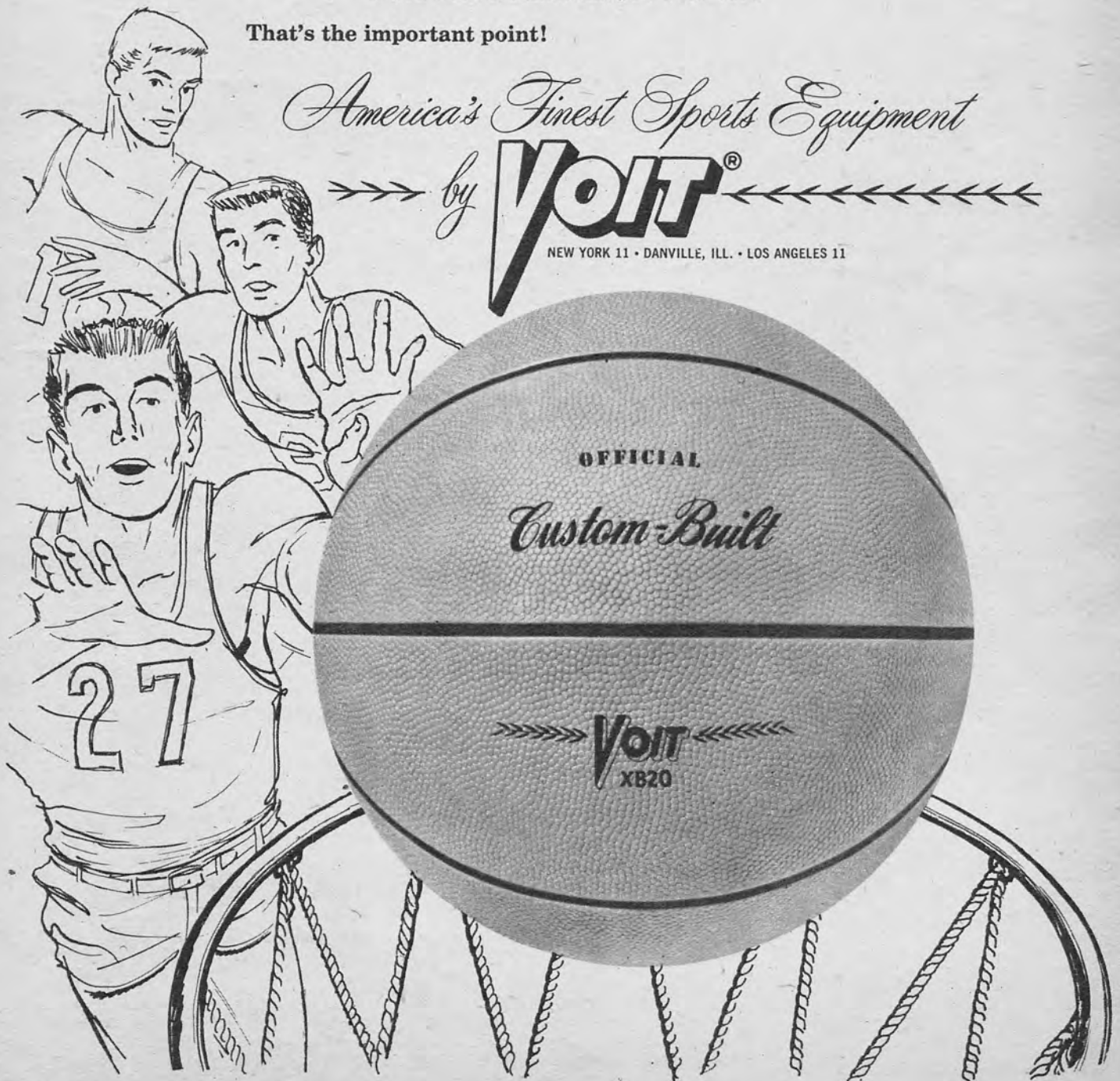
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## IT'S A FACT

by ART JONES

**T**HE United States Olympic basketball squad composed of 18 men averages 6'-4" in height . . . tallest member is San Francisco's Bill Russell who towers 6'-10", and the "shortest" are Ron Tomsic, U.S. Air Force (Stanford) and Hal Lear, Temple, both 5'-11".

\* \* \*

When the University of San Francisco was named national collegiate basketball champions last season by the Helms Athletic Foundation, the Dons became the fifth team since 1920 to win a second straight national crown. . . . Pennsylvania did it in 1920 and 1921, Kansas took top honors in 1922 and 1923, Oklahoma A & M was the champion in 1945 and 1946, and Kentucky ran off with all the honors in 1948 and 1949.

\* \* \*

Remember when Nate DeLong, the River Falls (Wis.) Teachers flash ended his college cage career in 1950 with a total of 2129 points? At the time folks thought this was a fantastic

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figure! Since then no less than 11 players have scored more points than DeLong chalked up . . . top scorer being Robert Hopkins, Grambling, who ended his three year varsity career last season with 2903 points!

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Statistics to end all statistics were recorded during game last year between Trenton Junior College (Mo.) and Highland when Statistician Bud Spillman counted 1,442 dribbles, rebounds and bounce passes.

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Adolph Rupp, head basketball coach at Kentucky, has the highest (life-time) win percentage of any coach . . . in  
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Robin Freeman drew a crowd of 376 "Freemans" to Chicago Stadium when Ohio State Buckeyes played De Paul Univ. Blue Demons there last year.



Dr. Forest C. Allen, one of the greatest basketball coaches the game has ever known, has retired after serving a coaching career of 49 years.



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his twenty-six year coaching career, Rupp's teams have rolled up 539 victories while losing only 91 for an amazing win percentage of .856 . . . Everett Case, North Carolina State coach, has the second highest win percentage with 265 wins and 60 losses during ten years for a splendid .815 figure.

And, while talking about coaching records this editor is proud to give a parting salute to Dr. Forest C. Allen, who retired this year as basketball coach for the University of Kansas . . . in his forty-nine year coaching career (forty-seven years at Kansas), Dr. Allen's teams won 770 games and lost 233 for an impressive win percentage of .767 . . . under Allen, Kansas was a perennial Big Seven power, and his teams won four National Collegiate cage titles.

Although the game of basketball was originated and was first played in the east, there was a time not too long ago when New England was deprived of an NCAA tournament entry . . . not so now, as last season Holy Cross, Connecticut and Dartmouth took part in NCAA regional playoff.

Last season Ohio State was booked to play DePaul at the Chicago Stadium. As a publicity stunt for the contest Arthur Morse, who promotes Stadium

cage activities, announced through the newspapers that all persons named Freeman (the same as Ohio State's Robin Freeman), would be admitted free to the game . . . to Morse's amazement 376 "Freemans" showed up the night of the game, and once inside the Stadium they formed their own cheering section!

On a fast-break two St. Cloud (Minn.) Technical High players, Tom McIntyre and Larry Nelson, got down under Staple High's basket . . . McIntyre decided to pass, and uncorked a heave, but Nelson wasn't expecting the ball and was unprepared . . . the ball smacked Nelson on the head, and swished cleanly through the net for two points!

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THE END



In photo made last year, Bill Russell (right), former Univ. of San Francisco All-American, accepts U.S. Rubber Co. trophy and shakes hands with All-time All-American George Mikan. Russell, whose height helped him win player of the year award, is 6-10 and tallest player on U.S. Olympic cage team.



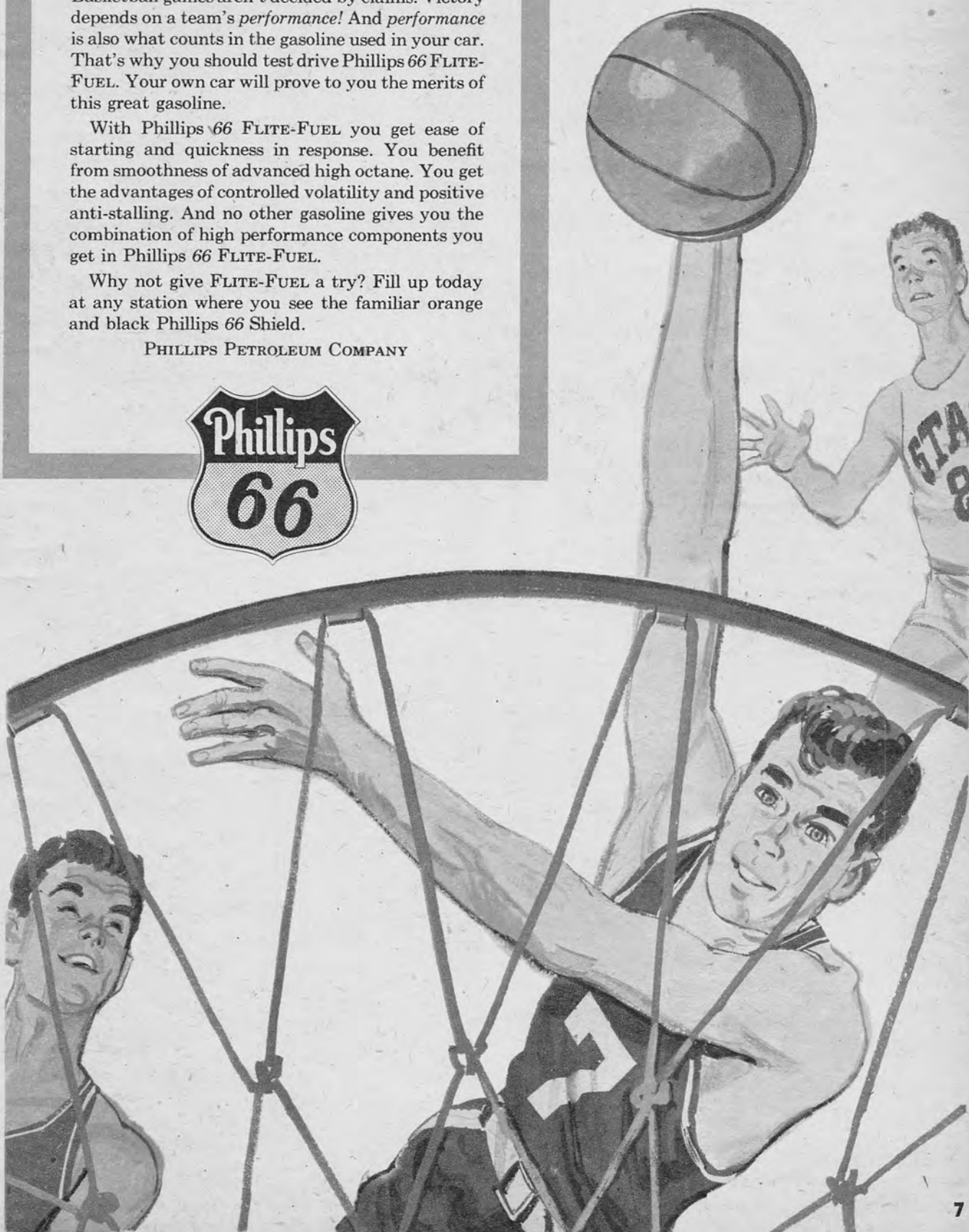
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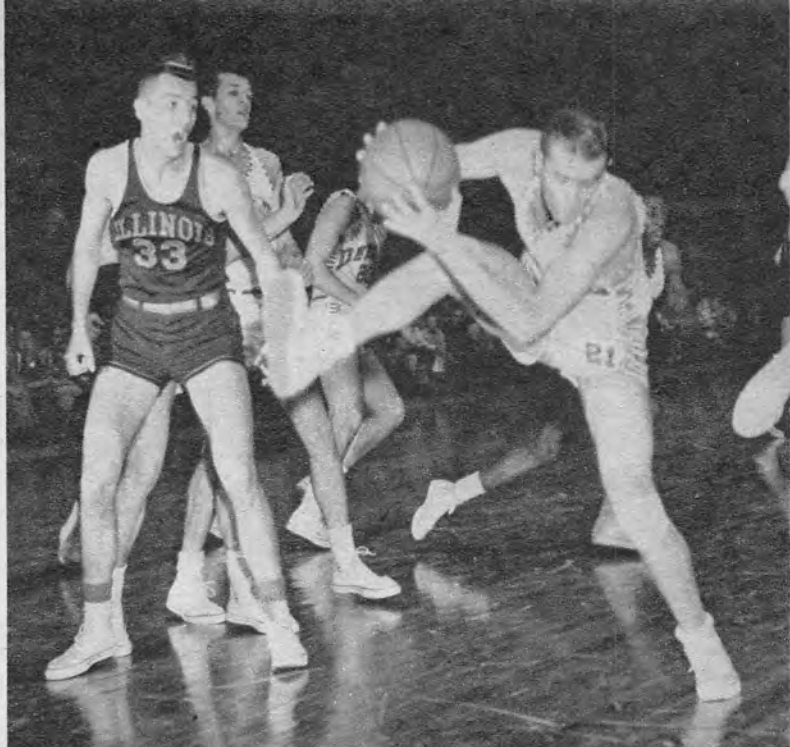
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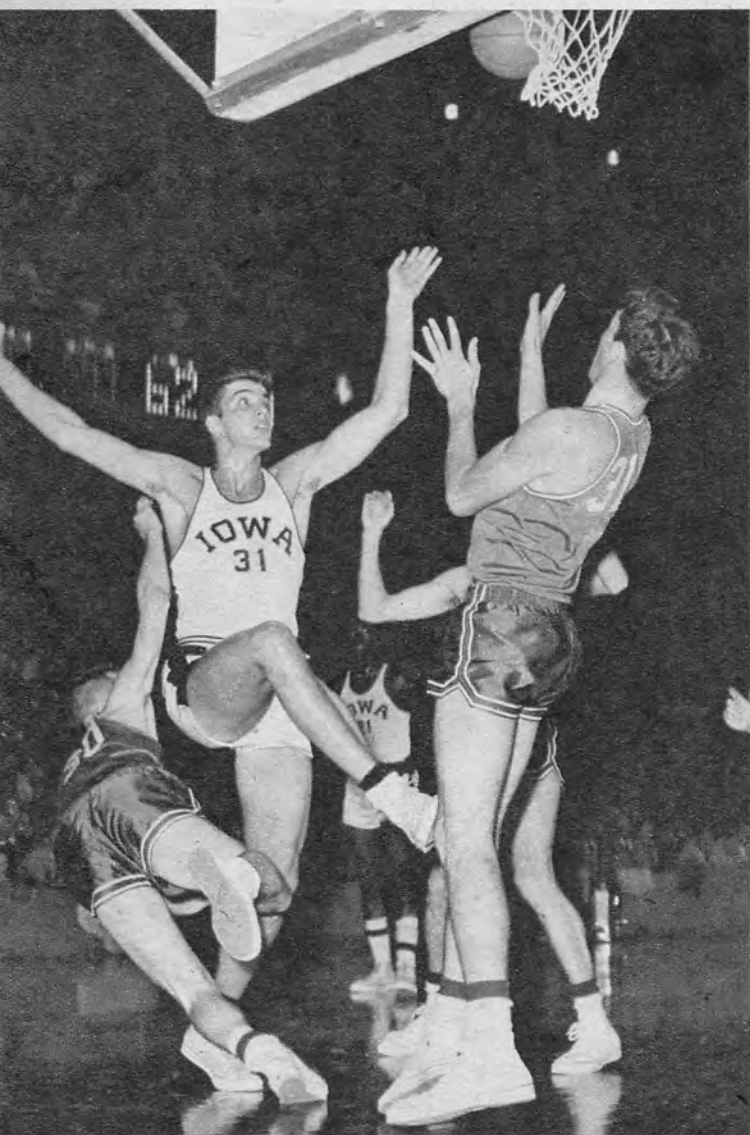


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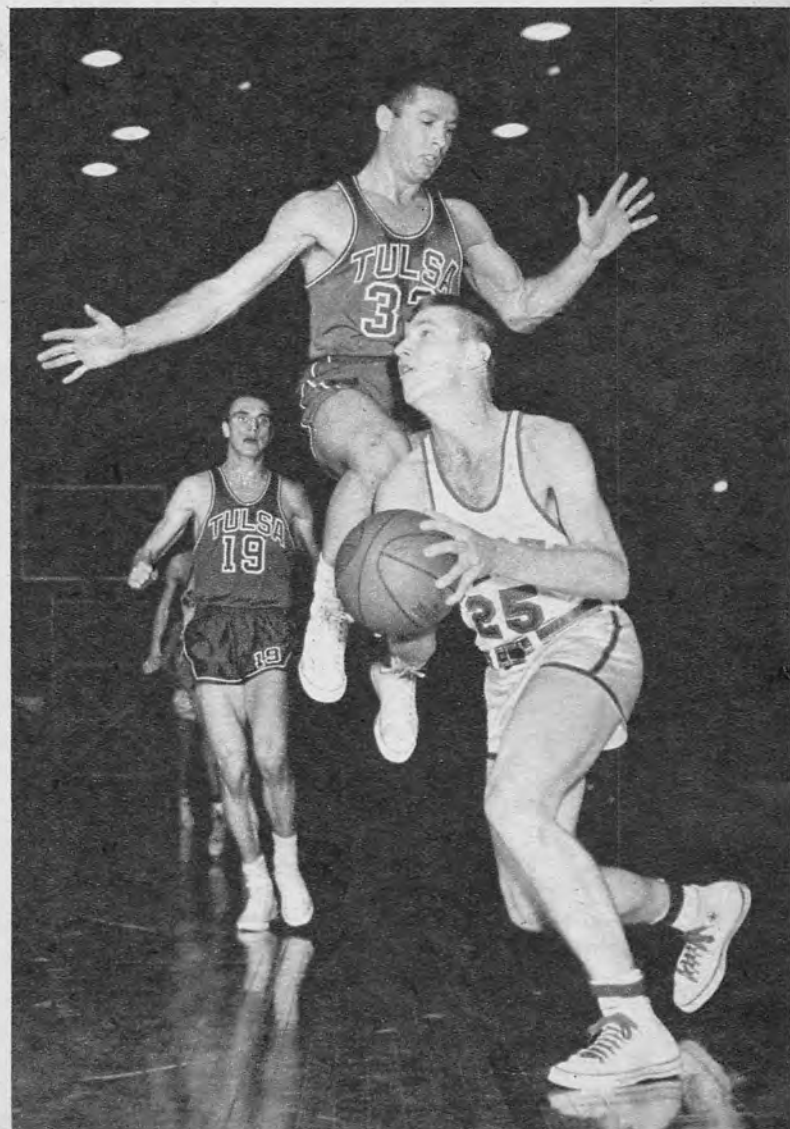
It takes alert cameramen to catch and record the unusual and exciting movements of players during basketball games, for the split-second action is too fast for the naked eye to follow.



DePaul's Sobieszczyk steps high with ball as Illinois' Schmidt (33) expresses amazement at lively stepping.



Iowa's Bill Logan (31) scores despite all-out guarding of Ron Morris (falling) and Tom Miller (right) of SMU.



Harold Alcorn, St. Louis U., drives around high-flying Junior Born, Tulsa, to score two points for Billikens.

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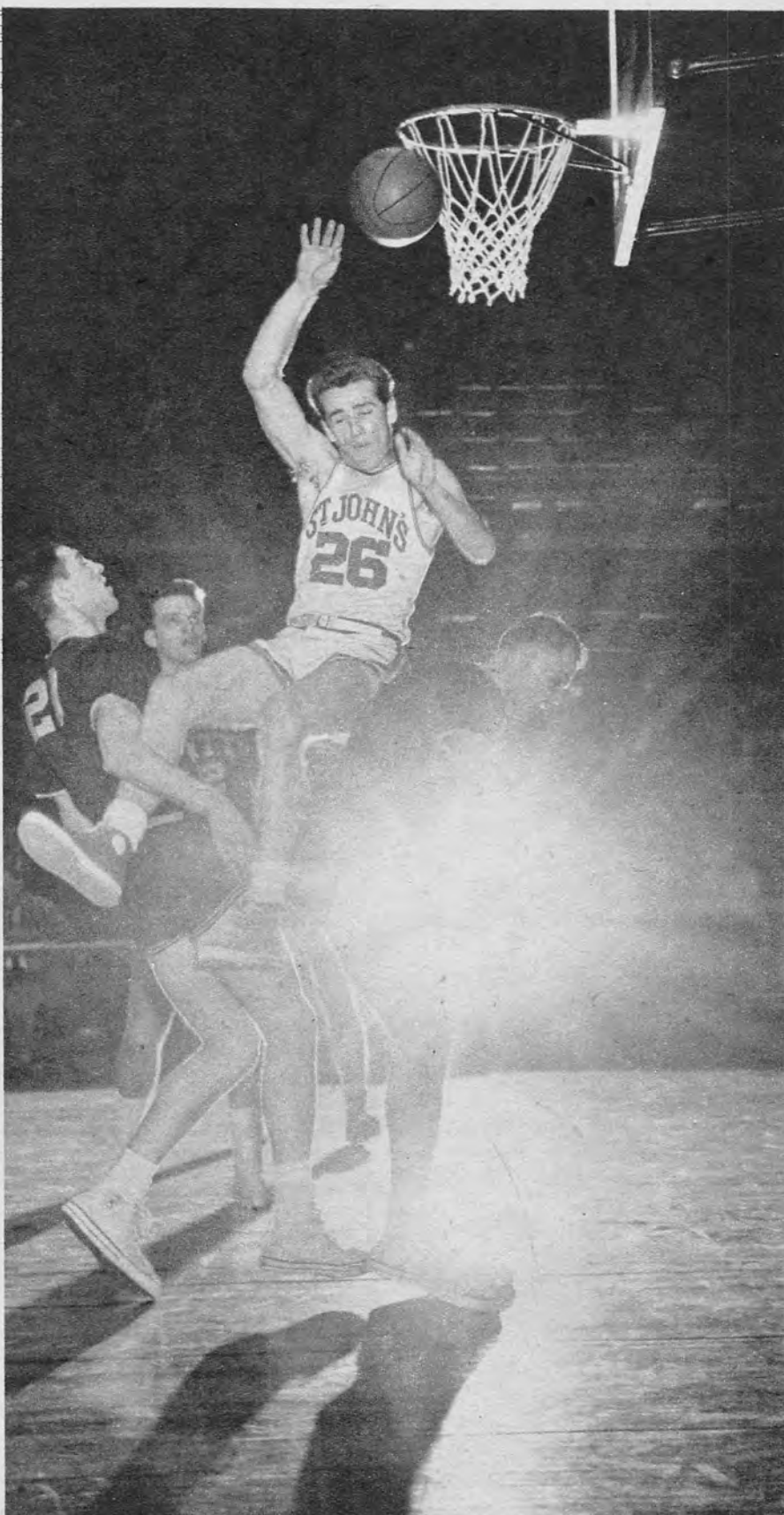
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# U.S. BASKETBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION

Nation's top basketball scribes form new group to promote best interest of game, and improve basketball news coverage.

**F**AST-BREAKING into the 1956-57 basketball season is the newest national sports writers' organization. Although only in the planning stage as recently as last March, the U.S. Basketball Writers Association is growing at an unparalleled rate.

Its founders predict that within three years it will have more members than the Football Writers Association of America, which dates back to 1941.

They point out that there are many small colleges and even some universities which field fine basketball teams but no football teams at all. As a result, there are far more basketball writers than football writers.

The men who built the USBWA from a dream into a thriving association in less than a year hope it will have the same impact on basketball that the FWAA and the Baseball Writers Association of America have on their sports.

Under its constitution, the USBWA was organized to: Promote the best interests of basketball; Encourage and recognize outstanding achievements in the game; Standardize statistical forms and procedures; Secure improved press box facilities and services; Improve the dissemination of basketball news; Promote fellowship between basketball writers; And to bring about better understanding between basketball writers and those individuals and groups with which they work.

The USBWA is one of the things that everybody connected with basketball had always said "should be". But

it wasn't. Until a year ago, no one did much more than talk about it.

For five years, the National Association of Basketball Coaches studied the possibilities of a writers organization, through its Press Committee.

However, the idea remained an idea. Finally, on Dec. 7, 1955, W. H. H. "Tippy" Dye, Washington coach and NABC Press Committee chairman, wrote a letter which was to touch off a chain reaction.

In a letter to Bob Russell, Chicago Daily News basketball writer and chairman of the Chicago Basketball Writers Association, Dye outlined what had been done what remained to be done. As spokesman for the nation's basketball coaches, Dye asked Russell to head the organization which didn't exist except on paper.

Russell agreed, provided top basketball writers from every section of the country could be interested in the new organization.

They were interested, even enthusiastic. Bob Busby of the Kansas City Star came in. So did Herb Good of the Philadelphia Inquirer, Ed Schneider of the Chicago Tribune, Jack Geyer of the Los Angeles Times, Dick Herbert of the Raleigh, N.C., News and Observer, and Bert McGrane of the Des Moines, Iowa, Register.

All of a sudden, the organization that had existed only on paper only weeks before had a slate of officers.

Russell became president, Busby first vice president, Good second vice president, and Schneider secretary-treasurer.

Geyer, Herbert and McGrane were named to the Executive Committee, along with the four officers and Gene Gregston of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Wiles Hallock of the University of Wyoming and Jay Simon of the Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman.

Oddly enough, while the NABC was investigating the possibilities of a basketball writers organization, the National Collegiate Athletic Association was doing the same thing.

Neither knew about the efforts of the other. But when they discovered that they had been working along parallel lines, they threw their strength behind the new association.

The USBWA became an official organization Aug. 8, 1956, when most of its executive committee met in Chicago to install its first slate of officers and directors and to approve the constitution.

That document, drafted by Wayne Duke, assistant to Walter Byers, the NCAA executive director, was unanimously approved. Only minor changes had to be made to tailor it to the USBWA's needs.

Duke represented the NCAA; Waldo Fisher of Northwestern represented the NABC, and Hallock and Bob Paul of Pennsylvania represented the American College Public Relations Association (Sports Division) at the meeting.

The months between the organization session and the first game of the 1956-57 basketball season were devoted to a nationwide membership campaign and to setting up committees to run the association.

After only one year, the USBWA is a big, busy organization of men who report America's No. 1 indoor athletic activity. And it's only beginning to grow.

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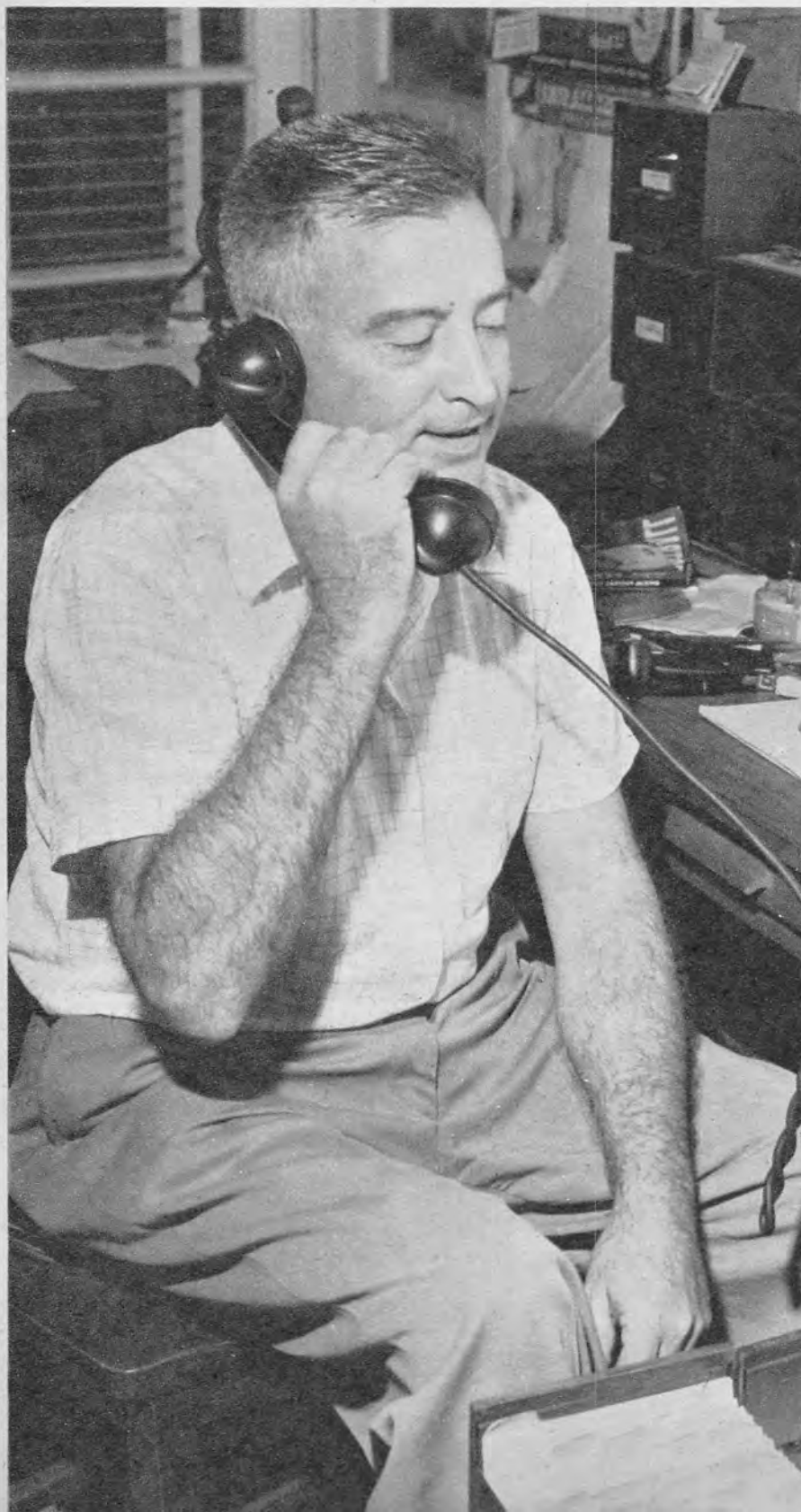
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# BASKETBALL'S SLIDE RULE WIZARD

Dick Dunkel has earned the respect and admiration of all sportdom for his amazingly accurate basketball ratings, and his mathematics help guide the destiny of many cage teams.

by **BILL MOKRAY**



**W**HICH is the nation's strongest conference? The Big Ten, Pacific Coast, Big Seven, Southwestern, Southeastern or Atlantic Coast conference? Was the undefeated 1956 Univ. of San Francisco team the strongest college basketball team on record—stronger than even the famous Univ. of Kentucky club of Wah Wah Jones, Ralph Beard and Alex Groza? If one were to prepare a college basketball tournament, how would the teams be matched to bring out the most interesting games?

For the answer to any of those ticklish questions, there is only one fellow to see—Dick Dunkel.

"Uncanny, unbelievable and fantastic!" so declare just about all the basketball players, coaches and fans who have any knowledge of this slide rule wizard who turned a hobby of evaluating the scoring potential of all the nation's football and basketball teams into a national pastime. Of the sundry individuals and agencies that have tried to fashion a similar system, none has gained the respect and reputation of this expert whose weekly ratings as the sports bible of millions of fans throughout the country.

His weekly releases appear in 145 newspapers ranging all the way from the New York Journal-American to the Moscow (Ida.) Idahonian, from Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-Union to Fairbanks, Alaska, News-Miner.

As the Univ. of San Francisco was rolling towards its fantastic string of 55 straight last winter, many were heralding the Dons as the greatest college team of all-time. Maybe they were; maybe they weren't. Anyway, countless hoop pecans figured that they could get the best answer by contacting Dick Dunkel at his statistical bureau down in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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Dunkel receives phone calls from all over the nation, but he refuses to pass out information to anyone having anything to do with gambling.



"Please settle an argument. Is San Francisco stronger than Kentucky's Groza-Beard-Jones combination of 1948 or 1949?" wired a fan from Keokuk, Iowa.

"How would you compare the Illinois 'Whiz Kids' of 1943 with the present San Francisco club?" phoned a loyal Illini from Peoria.

According to the figures—as set by the colleges themselves—the basketball team that set the all-time high was not last season's San Francisco team, nor the 1943 Illinois Whiz Kids, but Kentucky's 1953-54 edition of Frank Ramsey, Cliff Hagan and Lou Tsioropoulos that didn't lose a game in 25. That club posted an 88.0 average against 84.2 for the 1956 San Francisco and 1948 Kentucky teams, 86.4 for the 1948-49 Kentucky combination headed by Jones, Groza and Beard, and 83.5 for the 1943 Illinois Whiz Kids.

Whether the Dons of last winter could defeat the 1954 Kentucky team, according to Dunkel, will never be answered. The difference in the teams' rating is brought about in their schedules. The 1954 Kentucky team trimmed strong opponents *more impressively* than the team of Russell, Jones & Co., which, unfortunately, had to spend most of last January and February meeting member teams of the young California Basketball Association. "Unfortunately, the league was not too strong, conference-wise. It was placed 12th among the nation's 16 stronger conferences," explains Dunkel. "In other words, top teams not only must establish strong margins over their opponents but also must have the opportunity of meeting consistently strong opposition to get the opportunity of proving their strength."

As another example, in 1954 LaSalle won the NCAA title with a 26-4 record, including a 92-76 win over Bradley in the finals. Yet Kentucky that year (barred from competing in NCAA tourney) trimmed LaSalle 73-60.

There is no doubt, according to Dunkel, that several of the southern conferences are threatening to become the strongest in the nation. However, as of today, the Big Ten, as a league, is still stronger than any other conference but its supremacy is becoming much narrower in recent seasons whereas a decade or two ago, this superiority was never questioned. Comparative rating between conferences is largely based on what member teams do against outside competition. A loss here or there,

or a big win, is reflected in the over-all conference rating.

For an example, let's consider Northwestern last season. Cellar occupants of the Big Ten, the Wildcats won but two games all year, defeating Dartmouth which recovered sufficiently from an early season slump to capture top Ivy league honors; and upsetting second place Illinois. Northwestern met such consistently strong opposition, and lost most games by such close margins that in spite of its 2-20 record it still ranked 106th strongest in the nation. Northwestern's 59.7 rating still was higher than that of the last six of the nation's 16 strongest conferences but still 5 points less than Dartmouth's eventual 64.8.

Undoubtedly there is no more colorful and difficult tournament in the country than the 32-team week-long NAIA scramble that takes place in

Dunkel has regularly had is not confined solely to the NAIA. Asa Bushnell, Commissioner of the Eastern Athletic Conference, the nation's largest intercollegiate body, and a key figure in the annual National Invitation Tournament, has gone on record as stating that "Dunkel's rating system has always been a great aid to our selection committee."

Some of the better known collegiate teams today can give a vote of thanks to Dick for the lofty position they hold. One of the earliest instances of such a "lift" was in 1941 when Ohio University, little known among the strong teams the Midwest regularly turns out, had such a high Dunkel rating that it was invited to the NIT. How deserving their rating was was evidenced by how close they came to winning the championship. OU lost the final game to Long Island Univ. but not without its



Kentucky's great 1953-54 team. Front row (L. to R.): Coach Rupp, Puckett, Curry, Rose, C. Evans, Rouse, Chandler, Grigsby, assist. coach Lancaster. Back row: mgr. Dolan, Coy, Hagan, Tsioropoulos, Bird, Grawemeyer, Hurst, Bibb, Ramsey, B. Evans. This team posted the all-time high 88.0 Dunkel rating average.

Kansas City every year. Al Duer, the genial secretary-treasurer of the NAIA, openly admits that his group relies strongly upon Dunker's figures for the seeding of its field. Hence, it is a tribute to Dick's genius everytime Al whispers to some trusty soul that "15 of our 16 seeded clubs came through in the opening round."

Those who attended last year's NAIA tourney will long remember those thrilling four quarter-final games that could have gone either way. In a remote manner, Dick's mathematics had a hand in the shaping of the games because of the manner in which he computed the pre-tournament strength of all 32 teams.

But what "tournament success"

Frankie Baumholtz, since better known as a major league baseball player, winning the most valuable player award.

The following year, Dick assigned such a high rating to Western Kentucky that the NIT moguls gambled on their entry. They too went to the finals, losing to West Virginia. Ed Diddle's teams are well known today for they since have competed in eight NIT events, but it was that initial lift into fast company from the well known slide rule expert that brought them into national prominence. No doubt Dick since has assisted countless other clubs, particularly independents that haven't conference races to fall back on to gain

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automatic bids into the NCAA, NAIA or NIT.

While he was 77.7% correct in prophesizing winners of 4521 college games last season, Dick resents having anyone lean upon his system as an aid to gambling. No soul ever lived who detests gambling or any form of wagering more than he. He'll have nothing to do with anyone or anything that depends upon betting. His fan mail, once a season starts, is enormous and his telephone brings calls from all over the country. However, once he becomes suspicious of the purpose of a call, he hangs up immediately.

Dick likens his weekly ratings to batting averages of baseball players. He rates the likely winners, not the margin of wins; he refuses to have anything to do with point spreads.

"The few who gamble want something more than what we release," he declares. "The wagering man wants a POINT-FORECAST which would result from an adjustment of past performance figures through such factors as home team advantage, injuries to key players, mental attitude, etc. This I steadfastly have refused to do!

"The Dunkel ratings are based on the continuous combination of two averages," he goes on to explain. "The first is computed on a team's average scoring margin, the second on the adjusted rating of its opponents."

That may sound a bit complicated to some, so a sample of last year's evaluation of the national championship Univ. of San Francisco team will help clarify his remarks. The Dons, in win-

ning all 29 games, outscored their average opponents by 19.9 points. San Francisco's opponents had an adjusted strength of 64.3 at the time the games were played. In adding the two together the Californians ended up with a total strength of 84.2—highest in the nation.

Each season, all colleges start with the rating with which they finished the previous year but these quickly change as the teams win or lose.

For the past eight years, Dick has carried on his numerical operations down at Daytona Beach, Fla., where he finds its sunny climate, the nearby beaches and golf courses excellent outlets for an otherwise year-round trying schedule. During the football and basketball campaign, he easily works 80 hours in a normal week."

Previously, Dick worked out of Mountain Lakes, N.J., where its proximity to New York City and the good fortune to employ the local high school teachers on week-ends made it an ideal setting. When he tabulated the Saturday results, his home resembled a newspaper office on election night.

However, it was a long and uneasy road that led to Mountain Lakes before "Slide Rule Dick" hit pay-dirt.

Originally, Dick hailed from Springfield, Ohio, where he worked his way through Wittenberg College writing sports for the local SUN during the early Thirties. Busy as he was, he still found relaxation pouring over figures during evenings. For five years he patiently searched for data. In the meantime, after a so-journ with the Marion

(O.) STAR, he became city editor of the Bristol (Tenn.) BULLETIN and a feature writer for the Dayton (O.) HERALD, then served as Research and Media Director for three leading advertising agencies—the Geyer Co. of Dayton; Benton & Bowles of New York; and Donahue & Co. of New York. At one time, his job was to set up county quotas for household goods. Taking sundry factors into consideration, such as the number of families living in a given area, how much money the breadwinner brought home, what their current needs were, it was his task to pre-determine how many items of a given type of commodity could be sold nationally.

Laboring over his figures when most folks might go visiting, Dick continued his slide rule studies until he realized his goal.

Thus it was in 1929 that the patient mathematician decided to launch an idea that the sports public had never seen before but took to immediately. Its application to football startled everyone with its 80.6% accuracy.

In a sense, Dick did not stop at football, for basketball, which he played as a youngster, was closer to his heart. Continuing to perfect his formula just as a scientist is intent on bettering his findings, Dick kept amassing data and modifying his methods so that by 1935 he came out with his first basketball ratings.

A dapper fellow in spite of his 50 years, Dick is full of vigor and amazes friends and new acquaintances with his keen memory and fondness for figures. About a half dozen years ago, he appeared before the Boston Basketball writers to explain the workings of his system. He had barely completed his talk with a request for questions when one scribe asked how he had arrived at the final figures assigned to two local high schools, Concord and Lynn Classical. Rather than running to cover, he startled everyone by not only answering the question directly but giving actual scores of vital games that determined the final ratings of those two schools.

Dick has a novel way of explaining his figures. Whenever anyone asks how he graded a certain team at a certain figure, he smartly replies that the individual clubs graded themselves—he merely puts into figures what each team assigns to itself on the strength of its opponents and the margin by which it defeats, or is licked by, others.

THE END



1949 photo of Kentucky's Alex Groza grabbing ball from DePaul player. This Kentucky team won NCAA title that year and had high rating average of 86.4.



# 1956-1957 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

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**BIG SEVEN** at Kansas City Dec. 26-29. Iowa State, Kansas State, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Michigan State.

**BLUE-GRAY TOURNEY** at Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 28-29.

**BOSTON ROUND ROBIN** at Boston Garden Dec. 21, 22. North Carolina, Syracuse, Holy Cross, Dartmouth.

**CANYON INVITATIONAL** Dec. 28-29. W. Texas State, New Mexico, N. Texas State, Texas Western.

**DIXIE CLASSIC** at Raleigh, N.C., Dec. 27-29. N. C. State, Duke, Wake Forest, North Carolina, Iowa, West Virginia, DePaul, Utah.

**GATOR BOWL** at Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27, 28. Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Clemson.

**HOFSTRA TOURNEY** at Hempstead, N.Y., Dec. 27, 28, 29. Gettysburg, West Virginia Tech, Upsala, Cortland, Bucknell, Springfield, Wagner, Hofstra.

**HOLIDAY FESTIVAL** at Madison Square Garden in Dec. Ohio State, Brigham Young, Temple, Niagara, St. John's, Manhattan, Villanova, Fordham or NYU.

**KENTUCKY ALL-AMERICAN** at Owensboro Dec. 28-Jan. 1. Maryland, Virginia, Georgetown (DC), Iowa, Mississippi, New Mexico A&M, Montana State College, Kentucky Wesleyan.

**UNIV. OF KENTUCKY INVITATIONAL** at Lexington Dec. 20-21. Dayton, So. Methodist, Illinois, Kentucky.

**KIWANIS TOURNEY** at Hammond, La., Dec. 17-18. Sul Ross, SE Oklahoma, Troy State, SE Louisiana.

**LOYOLA TOURNEY** at Chicago Stadium Dec. 14, 15. San Francisco, Loyola, Santa Clara and one other team.

**LOUISIANA INVITATIONAL** at Shreveport Dec. 27-29. Louisiana State, Centenary, Virginia Military Institute, Furman, Loyola (La.), Louisiana Tech, Hardin-Simmons, NW Louisiana.

**MIDWEST TOURNEY** at Terre Haute Dec. 26-29. Emporia State, New Haven State Teachers, Lawrence Tech, Quantico Marines, SW Missouri, Georgetown Col., Muskingum, Indiana State.

**MOTOR CITY TOURNEY** at Detroit Dec. 28-29. Wyoming, Northwestern, Boston Univ., Detroit.

**NAIA** at Kansas City March 11-16.

**NAT. JR. COL. TOURNAMENT** at Hutchinson, Kans., March 19-23.

**NAT. INVITATIONAL** at Mad. Sq. Garden March 16, 18, 19, 21, 23.

**NCAA (Finals)** at Kansas City March 22-23.

**ORANGE BOWL** at Miami Dec. 26-29. Connecticut, Stanford, Seton Hall, W. Kentucky, LaSalle, Valparaiso, Pittsburgh, Miami (Fla.).

**OTTAWA TOURNEY.** Ottawa, Pittsburg State, C. Missouri, Washburn, Oklahoma Baptist, Kansas City, two others.

**PAUL BUNYAN TOURNEY** at Bemidji, Minn. Augsburg, St. John's (Minn.), Luther, Bemidji State College.

**QUINCY TOURNEY** at Quincy, Ill., Dec. 27-29. Lake Forest, St. Benedict, Quincy, Illinois Normal, E. Illinois, St. Thomas, Missouri Valley, Iowa Wesleyan.

**QUEEN CITY** at Buffalo Auditorium Dec. 27, 29. Xavier (O.), Cornell, Minnesota, Canisius.

**RICHMOND INVITATIONAL** Dec. 27-29. Lafayette, VPI, Columbia, Penn, Penn State, William & Mary, Washington & Lee, Richmond.

**SENIOR BOWL** at Mobile, Ala., Jan. 2-3. Morehead, Furman, Florida State, Spring Hill.

**SUGAR BOWL** at New Orleans Dec. 28-29. Alabama, Kentucky, Houston, Virginia Tech.

**STEEL BOWL** at Pittsburgh Dec. 14, 15. Duquesne, Pitt, Carnegie Tech, Cornell.

**SUNSHINE TOURNEY** at Portales, N. Mex., Dec. 27, 28, 29. E. New Mexico, Ft. Hays, SW Oklahoma, Mississippi Southern, Geneva, Missouri Mines, Anderson, one other.

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## The Birth of the Pennant and the Badge

by CHARLES MAURONE



In the dawn of civilization, as the wisdom of man was interpolated, he sought some token that would distinguish family from family and tribe from tribe. From this ancient origin, when national symbols were figures worked in metal, wood and stone, borne at the tops of poles and spears; down through the battlegrounds of Egyptians, Hebrews, Persians, Assyrians and Romans, we trace the epical beginning of the majesty of heraldic devices.

First references made to banners and streamers, the forerunners of the modern pennant were made mention at the interview of King Ethelbert and St. Augustine, in England, when the followers of the latter were said to have borne "a silver cross for a banner," clearly showing that banners were then in use. Flowing from the religious banners were those of Knighthood, Barons and Kings. For many centuries the banner of the United Kingdom itself, was a religious one, that of the red cross of her patron Saint, St. George.

The pendant or pennant as it finally became known made romantic prominence in the Tudor days of England where it found its present day form, that of a long narrow flag ending in a point and flown from a height, signified by its name, an obvious derivation from the Latin for hanging. Pennants were made of bunting, a woolen fabric which from the nature of its texture gives it great toughness and durability, particularly fitted for wear and tear. Silk was also used for special occasions and for military purposes, where printed colors of intricate patterns as in the case of armorial bearings were used for

a truer mark of heraldry.

The pennant living up to the tradition of its predecessors was used for many joyous occasions; early Kings and Queens adapted them to be carried at the front of their armies and navies, signifying heraldry and majestic importance. They were flown from the rooftops to celebrate a victory or homecoming, the length of the pennant depending on the greatness of the occasion. Pennants were also used at the head of navies as they are still today, denoting the rank of personnel on board and the position of the head ship.

Used in conjunction with the early pennant was the royal badge. In fact, the badge is the oldest simplest heraldic device. Beautiful combinations of royal seals and national colors were displayed by the symbolic pennant and badge.

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# Is There Too

As to be expected, there are two  
difference of opinions

Henry P. (Hank) Iba has been Oklahoma A&M head basketball coach for 22 years. Iba's Cowboys won NCAA title in 1945 and '46, was runner-up in 1949, fourth in '51, and fifth in '54. His teams have repeatedly won top NCAA defensive honors.

## **YES! Says HENRY P. IBA Head Basketball Coach OKLAHOMA A & M**

**B**EFORE we take the floor and tip off the argument that there is too much offense in basketball today lets define offense. Is offense in basketball the planned, skillful maneuvering that brings up the good shot, or is it 100 points on the scoreboard? A team composed of great individuals may run up a high score in basketball and show very little offense in the sense that we regard offense at Oklahoma A&M College.

To get to the nut of what we mean by this, the high school All-America game was played in mid-June at Murray, Ky. Gathered together were some of the finest high school seniors in the country. The game resulted in a score of 103 to 95.

Obviously, there wasn't much defense played. Neither was there much offense. No coach, however gifted, could take those boys and contrive to establish much offense, or defense, in the brief days of practice possible before such an all-star game. The casual observer might look at the 103-95 score and assume, "Man, what an offense!" What he was seeing instead of offense was a gay and spirited basketball drill between two sets of talented lads skittering up and down the floor and exhibiting their marvelous goal-shooting ability.

It is our contention at Oklahoma A&M that a team playing any semblance of organized offense cannot normally put up more than 60 shots in the course of a 40-minute ball game. An average percentage of accuracy would get perhaps 40 per cent of those shots in the basket. (A&M last year averaged 42 per cent.) That would mean 24 fieldgoals or 48 points from the field.

Add the normal harvest of free throws, say 20 per game, and the total score for the team hitting 40 per cent of its field shots would be 68 points.

Oklahoma A&M's average score in 27 games last season was 60.2 per game. That wasn't good enough, by our own standards, although the Aggies won 18 while losing nine and finished in a tie for second with St. Louis in the Missouri Valley conference. Had A&M reached its goal of 68 points a game it would have been an extremely successful season since A&M's opponents averaged 52.8 points a game.

San Francisco's Dons, unbeaten national champions, will not be found listed among the top 50 teams in offense, the lowest of which scored 78.6 a game last year. The Dons won 29 in a row last season by scoring 72.2 a game while limiting rivals to 52.2 a game, best defensive average in the nation. Oklahoma A&M's 52.8 was next.

San Francisco, with exceptional defense, a studied, planned attack, plus exceptional personnel, was seldom extended and had a 20-point margin of victory over its 29 rivals. Our contention is that if you don't have great individuals on your team, you have one thing left: Possession of that basketball through a planned offense. With great individuals, plus possession, you are national champion. (Headed by all-American Bob Kurland in 1945 and 1946, the Aggies dominated the national much as San Francisco has with Bill Russell.)

Perhaps one can answer the question about too much scoring in basketball by posing the opposite question, "Is there too little defense in basketball today?" Actually, we believe there is not too much offense, in the true definition of offense. There never could be. But, *there definitely is too little emphasis on defense!*

The high-scoring trend in basketball is due to several factors and one of them definitely is less emphasis on defense, enabling any team of good shooters to score heavily without much planned offense. The players are better



# Much Offense In Basketball?

different sides to this question. Here SPORTS REVIEW presents an interesting on the subject as expressed by two of America's most successful and highly respected coaches.

shooters. As in all sports, the modern player is faster, bigger, stronger and a far better shot with a basketball.

Try this test before you decide whether players stress defense in their minds: Watch a player make a steal of the ball and break for the basket with an opportunity to lay in a basket. He will be going top speed, straining every muscle to get there ahead of pursuit. Now watch him, and his teammates, when they have moved down court offensively, put up a shot, and must revert to defense when the other team takes over the ball. Do you see any of them getting back on defense with as much all-out effort, the same alacrity, that the lad showed when he was dashing down with the ball a moment before with a chance to score? You won't. They may hustle back in pretty good shape, but compared with the dribbling hero who had the ball just now, they are loafing back. Yet, we contend at A&M that the basket you save with good defensive play is worth two points, the same rate of exchange the offensive basket pays.

As a spectator, you are seeing just half a basketball game if you are watching two goal-hungry clubs run up and down the boards and showing little more than an exchange of cheap buckets; cheap because you didn't have to work for position, cheap because they weren't covered. If you want nothing but offense, go watch a bowling match. Same thing. Basketball has two sides, offense and defense. There are two ends on the court. In bowling, the players work just one end. In runaway basketball the same thing is happening only you may not have realized it. The players are just working on one end. At A&M we believe it is largely true that if you give us the back court we can win the league.

Nothing is more obviously beautiful than the well-aimed basket. But the basketball chess game that should be required before the shot is possible is the heart of the game. They were all chasing San Francisco weren't they? The big score is beautiful but as

Kipling once said about another subject, it's pretty but is it art?

## **NO! Says HARRY COMBES** **Head Basketball Coach** **UNIVERSITY of ILLINOIS**

**T**OO much offense, no defense in basketball? High scoring ruining the game? That's just so much malarkey.

Basketball coaches aren't over-emphasizing offense. In fact, they

spend more practice time on defense than they do on offensive phases of the game.

Sure, there's more scoring. Why? Lots of reasons but the big one is that present day basketball players are plainly and simply better shots than the game has ever seen before.

I should have had a premonition in 1937 as a player at Illinois when I was called upon to guard Jewell Young of Purdue in Huff Gymnasium. All he did was to score 29 points that night for a Big Ten record and we weren't playing race-horse basketball.

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In the eight years Harry Combes has coached University of Illinois, his fast high scoring teams have won three Big Ten Conference titles. Coach Combes' Fighting Illini teams always have a good field goal and free throw percentage.





Typical of Oklahoma A&M defense is this play by Jerry Hale (left) who moves in to stop the down-court drive by Jim McLaughlin, of St. Louis University.

scored 50 points in just 12 minutes, 49 seconds.

Defense? Teams and individuals in all these cases played well defensively, according to well-coached plans. But, we've learned there are times when no defensive pattern or an individual's play can stop excellence of shooting which modern basketball players have achieved.

Other factors in increased offensive pace are numerous. Rule makers in the last 20 years have enacted many pieces of legislation all of which have been designed to speed up the game, make it more attractive for spectators, and as an end result, increase scoring.

Until 1937 play was started by a center jump after every score. This was judged unfair to a team which did not have big men who could compete in the jump for possession of the ball. So, the rule which virtually eliminated center jumping was adopted. After a score, the team scored upon, got possession of the ball out of bounds and thus was offered an equal opportunity to add to its point total.

Also, under the center jump method of play, the official clock was kept running while teams walked back from the basket to the center line, automatically killing much valuable playing time. Banishing this practice stepped up pace of games.

Rules makers also eliminated the stall game. Remember when contests ended 3-2, 5-4, or what-have-you based on control of the ball at the center jump, followed by refusal to come down the floor for a shot until time was just about to run out?

This deterrent to interesting basketball was stopped by forcing the offensive team to cross the center line within 10 seconds or relinquish ball possession. Last year a further provision against stalling was added in a rule which enabled an official to call a jump ball "when a closely guarded player, in an attempt to consume time, retains the ball for more than five seconds."

All such legislative changes have worked toward faster play and more scoring. Yet, they have not detracted from defensive play. Conversely, they have caused greater emphasis on good defense.

Stop to consider problems which confront an individual defensive man today as compared with one who played basketball 20 years ago. A player then who shot other than a

Eleven years later, in my first season as head coach at Illinois, I took a team to Iowa City for a battle with the Hawkeyes. On that Iowa team was a 5-foot 7-inch guard by the name of Murray Weir, who proceeded to throw in 34 points, most of them on long, seemingly impossible shots which I defy anyone to guard.

In 1953, Illinois and Indiana met in a showdown Big Ten contest in Huff Gym. That night we defended the Hoosiers as well as any team could have. Yet, Bobby Leonard, one of the

game's finest out shooters, dropped in seven straight field goals from just inside the center line in the first half. That broke our backs and Illinois lost 91-79.

Last February Illinois walloped a good, sturdy, defensive Ohio State team 111 to 64. Hard to believe? Yet, no defense could have stopped the wave of shooting which Paul Judson, George BonSalle, Harv Schmidt, and Bill Ridley produced that afternoon. In one stretch of the second half we



two-handed set or a layup would have been jerked summarily from the floor. Today, players shoot the ball at the basket from every conceivable position and stance. One-hand, two-hand, full hook, fade-aways, shots on the dead run, and the many varieties of the jump shot are all innovations which have revolutionized offensive basketball and complicated defense.

A defender not only has to be prepared to guard against all variety of basket attempts, but is naturally at a disadvantage both mentally and physically. The good offensive player has a distinct idea of what he will attempt to do as he brings the ball down court. The defensive player can only try to anticipate his foe's action and counter against any of the great number of things he may do.

To counteract this offensive advantage certain teams play a ball possession style of basketball. Every year NCAA statistics indicate the "best" defensive teams are those which slow down the attack since an opponent cannot score unless he has the ball.

But, I cannot go along with any contention that the team which is more offensive minded and wins games by outscoring its opponents is a whit less proficient on defense than a team which holds down scoring by ball possession.

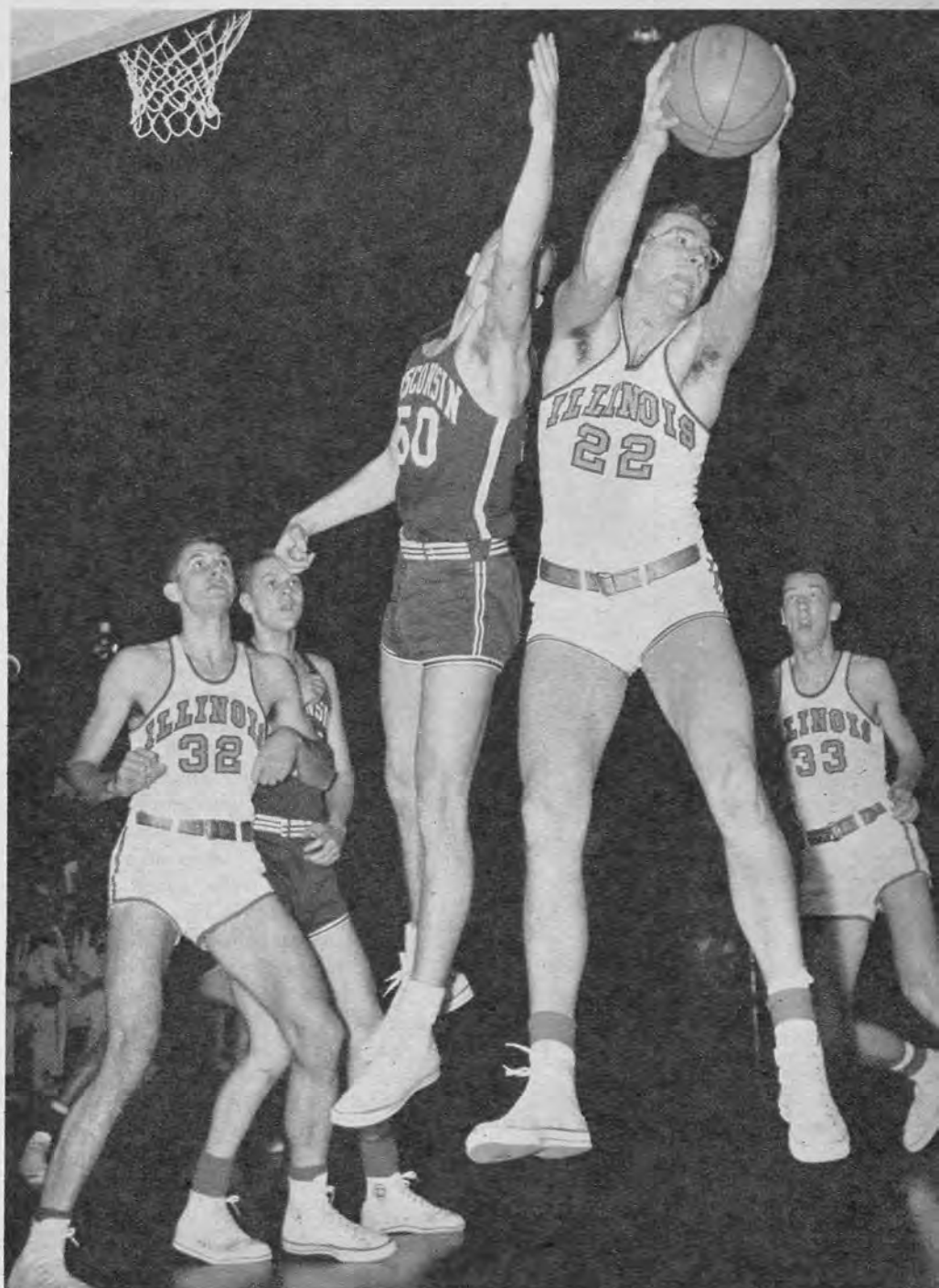
Modern basketball simply has brought on greater scoring. Today we have better playing floors, better goals at which to shoot, perfection of the truly round ball which takes punishment of thousands of dribbles and shots.

Coaches are better trained, devote more time to the duties of coaching, and produce better players in greater quantities than was true several decades ago.

Since scoring is the primary aim of basketball, better players have reflected their abilities by scoring better. When you get down to brass tacks, what wins a game? Just one thing—throwing the ball through the basket.

Used to be a coach whose team was making 30% of its field goal attempts was a consistent winner. In the 1956 Illinois state high school tournament, the runnerup team was beaten in the finals despite shooting 52% from the field.

Iowa, the 1956 Big Ten Champion, had a field goal average of .405 against conference teams and .718 from the free throw line. Illinois hit .403 from



George Bon Salle (22) of Illinois, leaps high to grab rebound from Wisconsin's Richard Zeiger. Other Illini men are Bruce Brothers (32), and Harv Schmidt (33).

the field and a remarkable .744 on free throws, yet lost three games and wound up second.

High scoring hasn't detracted from the great game which basketball is today. Nor has it taken out all the punch of defensive play. Take our games with Ohio State in 1956 when we encountered Robin Freeman, one of the all-time great scorers in basketball.

In the first contest, Freeman made only 14 points, low point of his col-

lege career. We were hailed for ingenious defense. In our return engagement he made 43. Were we defensive bums? No! And we weren't in the genius class in the first game, either.

Both are typical examples of what makes modern basketball a great spectator game. In my opinion, fans stay away in droves from dribbling exhibitions or old-time hold-the-ball routines. Yet, not a soul in two packed gymnasiums asked for his money back after those Illinois-Ohio State games.

THE END

# Basketball Rule Makers Aim Ax At Big Man . . . AGAIN!

by BOB RUSSELL

Past rules to curb the Big Man have only served to make him a better player. And now the men who write the rules have taken another swing at giants of game in effort to chop them down to size.



**B**ASKETBALL rule-makers are still trying to chop the big man down to size.

They failed with George Mikan. They failed with Bill Russell. They failed with the army of towering young men who blossomed in the decade that separated "Mr. Basketball" and the dazzling Don.

But the men who rewrite the rule book don't give up because of one failure or a dozen or a hundred failures.

No, indeed. Instead of giving up and turning the game of basketball over to the elongated, vitamin-stuffed members of the younger generation, they've sharpened up the same old ax.

This time, they've aimed it straight at Wilton Chamberlain, a young man who will play his first college basketball game this year.

Chamberlain—in case you've been in a coma the last three or four years—is a 7-ft. 3-in. University of Kansas sophomore, who migrated from his native Philadelphia to the basketball courts of Mt. Oread.

He's the boy overly imaginative sports writers down East nicknamed "Wilt-the-Stilt", the one the Jayhawk publicity mills modestly call "perhaps the greatest basketball player who ever lived".

Looking back at Bill Russell and looking ahead to Wilt Chamberlain, the National Basketball Rules Committee last March wrote some regulations to curb the big man.

The principal change provides that "No offensive player may reach above the 'cylinder' to guide an attempted shot into the basket."

That was Russell's specialty the last two years, as he led the University of San Francisco to two National Collegiate Athletic Association championships.

"Russell doesn't have any shots—he doesn't need any," gasped one coach, after his first look at the dazzling Don in the National Collegiate finals last March at Northwestern University.

What he meant was that the 6-ft. 10-in. All-American did best was to funnel missed shots by his San Francisco teammates into the basket.

Chamberlain excelled at that maneuver, too, as a Kansas freshman last winter. But that's out in the future.

However, that won't stop Chamberlain or such other outstanding big men as 6-t. 8-in. Charlie Tyra of the University of Louisville or 6-ft. 7½-in. George BonSalle of the University of Illinois.

New rules don't outlaw the "dunk" shot, where a tall player leaps high in the air and stuffs the ball into the basket. Nor do they prevent a Chamberlain from taking a high pass "in flight" and pounding the ball home.

The trouble is that this season basketball officials will have to decide whether that sort of goal originated as a wild shot (illegal) or a high pass (legal).

"As far as I'm concerned, it's imposing another burden on the already overworked officials," declares Phil Woolpert, the slender young man who led San Francisco to an all-time record of 55 consecutive wins over two seasons.

"They've been making the same mistake over and over again for the last three or four years. They're trying to legislate defense, instead of coaching it."

Twice in two years, Russell was responsible for major changes in the basketball code.

Before the National Collegiate finals in 1955, the rules-makers discussed the possibility of the 12-ft. free throw lane,

◀ "Wilt-the-Stilt" Chamberlain, 7-3 University of Kansas sophomore, is expected to be an outstanding star for Jayhawkers despite new rules against big men.



to curb the big man's activities under the basket.

It was talk and nothing more. Then the rules-makers saw Russell perform his basketball acrobatics in the National Collegiate finals. That did it. They reconvened and rushed through the 12-ft. lane rule.

Imagine their chagrin the following December. After San Francisco had played several games, sports writers asked Russell about the new rule.

"Oh, I LIKE the new 12-ft. free throw lane," insisted big Bill, without cracking a smile. "Does it bother me? Not a bit. I like it because it bothers the big guys I'm playing against. It helps me."

Russell went on to prove he wasn't joking. He proved it game by game. He was a greater basketball player in 1955-56, with the 12-ft. lanes, then he was in 1954-55, with the narrower ones.

"That's the way it always has been," points out Ray Meyer, the DePaul University coach, who turned out Mikan, the first of the really great big men in basketball.

"Every rule change which was supposed to cut the big man down to size backfired. In every instance, the rule made the big man a better basketball player."

The first "blow" at the tall centers was the elimination, in the mid-1930s, of the center jump. That was supposed to take the premium off unusual height, but it didn't.

Then came the three-second rule. It was intended to make the game too fast for the elongated lads. They fooled the rules-makers by speeding up as much as the smaller fellows did.

It was then that Mikan turned up at DePaul and Bob "Foothills" Kurland arrived at Oklahoma A. and M. College.

Defense was a strong point of both of those young giants, just as it was of Russell 10 years later. Mikan and Kurland made an art of batting the ball away from the hoop, depriving rivals of sure baskets.

Rules-makers emulated the U. S. Marines, rushing to the rescue with a new regulation outlawing defensive "goal-tending". That handicapped Mikan so much that he became the greatest basketball player of all time. It didn't keep Kurland from being an All-American either.

The 12-ft. free throw lane came to the National Basketball Association because of Mikan's effective offensive



Former Okla. A&M star Bob Kurland, a big man, made All-America despite rules to curb his effectiveness.



George "Mr. Basketball" Mikan, DePaul great, was first big man to cause rules to be directed at court giants.

"goal-tending." Russell was responsible for its addition to the collegiate code.

What effect have all these special rules had on the big man?

"They've made him a better basketball player," declares Meyer. "The big man isn't a 'goon' nowadays. He can't be and play basketball the way it's played today."

"Why there isn't a championship team that doesn't have a big man and I mean a *good* big man. That goes for high-school as well as college basketball."

So what happens to the team that doesn't have a center who's 6 ft. 8 in. tall . . . or taller? How can it handle a Mikan, a Russell or a Chamberlain?

"There are two ways," insists Woolpert.

"The first one is—don't schedule his team. The second one, if you have to schedule them, is—work up a defense aimed at cutting down the big man's effectiveness.



Rules didn't stop Bill Russell as he led USF to two NCAA titles. Here he displays his form for dunking a shot.

"Of course, if it doesn't work, you're going to be beaten. But, don't forget, a boy like Bill Russell doesn't come along very often, so you've got a chance."

Other new rules, all of them aimed directly or indirectly at the tall centers, are:

—Two defensive players will assume positions immediately under the basket on free throw attempts. The old rule permitted one offensive and one defensive player in those spots.

—No player may put his foot in the free throw lane on a free throw attempt until the ball hits the bankboard or reaches the "cylinder". Previously, a player could leap into the lane so long as his foot did not touch the floor before the ball hit the bankboard or reached the "cylinder".

—On a jump ball, no player may have his foot within the circle until the ball has been tapped by one of the two jumpers.

THE END

# BASKETBALL CLASSICS

by DAVE BONES

Basketball can claim numerous great rivalries, and these classics are

highlights of every basketball season. Even if both teams are down, excitement remains for

victory over a traditional foe can make success out of an otherwise insignificant, dismal season.

## North Carolina vs.

### North Carolina State

For years this intrastate rivalry had gone on peacefully. North Carolina, with some pretty fair teams, generally took its sister school, North Carolina State, which athletically was very mediocre.

That was prior to 1946, however, for in that year a gray haired gentleman invaded Dixie with great dreams and concrete ideas for building basketball

in the south and especially at North Carolina State. This man was Everett Case whose Frankfort, Indiana high school teams were fabled in Hoosierland. His colorful State aggregations leaped to national fame and became the scourge of the Southern Conference, and later the newly formed Atlantic Coast Conference.

North Carolina, in the meantime, had slipped from the heights gained in pre-war and early World War II action. During this lapse, North Carolina fell before the Wolfpack twelve

consecutive times. Tarheel officials became fed up with this situation and hired a new coach expressly to beat North Carolina State.

A confident Irishman, Frank McGuire, whose St. John's teams were highly successful, accepted the unenviable task and headed for Chapel Hill, Brooklyn accent and all. McGuire let everyone know that he had arrived and was to be the new king of Carolina basketball. In his first three years with subpar material, McGuire defeated Case twice on his own court using a control attack that befuddled the fast breaking State and angered Case. This was the beginning of a real personal feud between the two coaches. Last season State defeated McGuire's strongest U.N.C. team two out of three and lengthened to nine to three the advantage Case holds over McGuire.

McGuire feels at home with North Carolina for the bulk of his squad, strangely enough, comes from the metropolitan New York area. The North Carolina State roster is strongly flavored with Hoosiers, but Case also has made the school very attractive for boys with cage ability from all over the country.

Many people feel this is the season for North Carolina, led by All-American Lennie Rosenbluth, to overtake State. The basketball fans of the nation will eagerly await the outcome of this year's Case-McGuire feud.

## Indiana vs. Illinois

The states of Indiana and Illinois are rich farming areas, but one of their most impressive crops is their home grown basketball players.

In this day of wild recruiting from border to border and from coast to coast, it's refreshing to find two great basketball powers that depend on home state players to carry their school's name.

In fast action Bob Young (20) and Jerry Vayda (43), North Carolina, scrap with unidentified North Carolina State player for possession of ball. NCS won 82-60.





Indiana basketball coach Branch McCracken has set terrifically high standards in his fifteen years as bossman of the "Hurryin' Hoosiers". His 1953 team was acclaimed national champion after winning the N.C.A.A. tournament. Under McCracken, Indiana has won two Big Ten crowns and has been runnerup seven times. Mac got his start in little Monrovia, Indiana, and is a graduate of Indiana. Though he is a big name coach, Branch still retains his slow drawl and delightful homespun philosophy. That drawl is the only slow phase of Indiana basketball, that rides to win after win on an aggressive never-stop-running fast break.

Harry Combes in his nine years at Illinois has never had a losing season and can claim three Big Ten championships, each of which finished third in the N.C.A.A. A native of Monticello, Illinois, Combes was twice named coach of the year by the basketball writers of Chicago. His Illini are a brilliant coaching product that reacts well under any situation.

When Indiana and Illinois clash, it's a real contest between players from these two basketball hotbeds, not between a bunch of imports. Over the long series of conference battles, Illinois holds a 35 to 28 advantage over Indiana. Likewise, Combes has won 10 of 16 from the crafty McCracken.

Illinois is an odds-on favorite for the Big Ten title this season, but McCracken is putting the finishing touches to a rebuilt Hoosier five that would like nothing better than to knock off the Illini.

### **Kentucky vs. Georgia Tech**

On January 8, 1955, Kentucky entertained a traditional easy mark, Georgia Tech, who was to be the 130th straight home Wildcat victory.

The next morning fans all over the country choked on their breakfast coffee for the sports pages headlined, "Georgia Tech Upsets Kentucky 59-58."

Georgia Tech, a team which had won only 2 of 24 games the year before had accomplished the impossible. Before that fateful January evening, the series between the two schools was a quiet one. And why not? Before the Tech upset, Kentucky had won 38 and lost only 4 against the Yellow Jackets. But this one great game was enough to ignite a rivalry to thrill sports fans across the country.

In the return meeting at Atlanta, everyone felt sure that Adolph Rupp would get sweet revenge. At the end of 40 minutes of blistering action however, the scoreboard read, "Georgia Tech 65, Kentucky 59." Georgia Tech had done it again!

Last season Kentucky gained some measure of revenge by smashing Tech, 104-51 and 84-62, but those 1955 wins were a shot in the arm to Georgia Tech basketball and they are going all out to produce a team that will reach Kentucky's yearly level. Coach John Hyder's boys will perform in the new Georgia Tech arena seating 7,000 spectators.

For over a quarter century, Adolph Rupp has directed Kentucky to heights that have been reached by no other team. Kentucky is perhaps the greatest name in the history of the game. Rupp has won over 85 per cent of his games with a crowd pleasing controlled fast break.

Kentucky will be loaded again this year and Georgia Tech, the underdog, but Mr. Rupp and company know full well they can never take Georgia Tech lightly again.

### **Brigham Young vs. Utah**

Utah is famed for its colorful scenery, its beautiful climate and the wondrous Mormon Temple. A lesser known attribute is that there are more baskets and backboard per capita than in any other state in the nation, including Indiana. This last fact may account for the fine basketball played in Utah and for the magnificent struggles between Brigham Young and Utah.

The 87 past contests of the series are vivid evidence of the close rivalry between B.Y.U. and Utah. The Cougars of Brigham Young hold a paper-thin 44 to 43 edge in the long series. Both schools have been national favorites for years. Utah's famed "Cinderella Kids" of 1944, under Vadal Peterson, won the N.C.A.A. tournament and Red Cross championship. Brigham Young produced fine teams for years but gained real national prominence in 1951 when they won the National Invitational Tournament on the deadly shooting of Rol Minson and Mel Hutchins.

Stan Watts, the present B.Y.U. coach, skippered that great team and his continued success has marked him

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Coach Frank McGuire, North Carolina



Coach Everett Case, N.C. State

Coach Branch McCracken, Indiana



one of the nation's really great coaches. One of the few coaches active who is able to control his emotions on the bench, Watts is considered one of the soundest coaches in the west. His material does not match that of Utah or Wyoming in ability or size, but he always comes up with a well-drilled team that plays havoc in the Skyline Eight Conference.

After Peterson resigned at the end of the 1952-53 season, volatile Jack Gardner moved from a standout accomplishment at Kansas State to the Utah campus, where things had not been too bright for several seasons. Since coming to the Utes, Gardner has quickened the cage interest in the Beehive state. Known as a master recruiter, Gardner has stated that all coaches are basically alike, only the material differs. While respecting the calibre of Utah high school ball, Gardner says Utah does not have the population to supply the type and size player he needs. Yet, a check of the Redskin roster shows it predominately from Utah and I'm sure even Gardner couldn't argue that he hasn't been highly successful with this material. Utah has won two straight conference crowns and are again with the basketball elite.

Both teams lost much by graduation and should be a year away, but that hot Utah sun has a way of developing the crops quickly.

### **Eastern Kentucky vs. Western Kentucky**

Located on opposite sides of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, these state schools have been clashing on the hardwood since 1914. Western holds a commanding 60 to 18 game lead in the rivalry. Ed Diddle who since 1922 has coached the Hilltoppers to over 600 victories is the outstanding figure in this great yearly dispute.

In his 34 years as headman, Diddle has become known as the most colorful coach in basketball with his bright red towel as his trademark. When things are going well, he will wave the towel in tribute to a good play and throw it in the air when Western is in the midst of one of their characteristic rallies. He has been known, however, to try and jab the towel down his throat when the tide of battle is against his Hilltoppers. Since 1936, his teams have been in 11 major post season events. Diddle is a great teacher of the fast break fire wagon ball.

Eastern Kentucky was not in the same high echelon of basketball until 1946, when Paul McBrayer, a 1930 Kentucky All American, was made headman of the Maroons. His skill moved Eastern to as high as eleventh in the nation. A strict disciplinarian, McBrayer is liked and respected by players, fans and his fellow coaches. On the bench, Paul is much quieter than Diddle, but a glance at his face reveals his true emotions. His color varies from a normal hue to a fiery scarlet depending on how the game is going.

Although trailing in his personal series with Uncle Ed of Western, 18 to 7, every game has been a real thriller. Since the formation of the Ohio Valley Conference, Western has twice won the regular season title only to have Eastern take the O.V.C. tournament crown. Diddle had the pleasure of accomplishing the same goal once against Eastern.

This season's games look like another tossup, with the difference so slight that it might be made by the wave of a red towel.

### **U.C.L.A. vs. California**

Until recent years, the Golden Bears of California dominated their little brother, the University of California at Los Angeles, when it came to athletics. The poor little Bruins just couldn't compete on equal terms with California.

The situation on the basketball court was no exception. Through the 1948 season, U.C.L.A. had enjoyed only two winning seasons in fifteen years and had lost 36 of 54 to California.

California basketball was synonymous with the name of Clarence (Nibs) Price who coached the Golden Bears to 449 victories in his 30 years as head coach through 1953.

Johnny Wooden, the all-time, All-American from Purdue, became head mentor at U.C.L.A. in 1948 and during his eight years with the Uclans became the power in Pacific Coast Conference basketball, a new experience for U.C.L.A. His teams have won five Southern Division P.C.C. titles and twice won the league playoffs with the Northern Division champ, and last year won the league title when the conference combined into one division. Three times, the Bruins have been in the N.C.A.A. tourney and are the last



Coach Adolph Rupp, Kentucky



Coach Stanley Watts, Brigham Young

Coach Paul McBrayer, E. Kentucky







Coach John Hyder, Georgia Tech



Coach Jack Gardner, Utah

Coach E. A. Diddle, W. Kentucky



team to beat Univ. of San Francisco.

Before Price retired he got a sample of Wooden potent squads, as he could salvage only 8 wins in 24 tries against the Purdue alumnus. Pete Newell, who won a National Invitational title while at San Francisco, returned to his alma mater to replace Price after a tenure at Michigan State. He has dropped six straight to U.C.L.A., but Newell's teams play sound if unspectacular basketball and most people believe he can build the Bears up to a point where they can again stand on even terms with U.C.L.A.

One thing is for sure. California is sick and tired of being swamped by its "little brother" and expects to fight back with a vengeance with its "Newell-found" power.

### Canisius vs. Niagara

The people of upstate New York suffer through brutal winters that pile heavy snow and send strong winds off Lake Erie. However Buffalo area residents can be assured of two days each winter when the heat from Memorial Auditorium is potent enough to melt the snow, for twice each winter Canisius and Niagara meet in their annual donneybrooks.

Basketball is the big sport at each of these small schools. Despite their size, both schools travel in basketball's finest circles.

A sweep of both contests means a successful season no matter what the overall record, but in recent years the final game has become of paramount importance for a post season tournament bid rides with the winner virtually every season. Niagara has been in the National Invitational for the last four years and Canisius has participated in the N.C.A.A. for the past two years.

Niagara, located adjacent to the beautiful Niagara Gorge only 5 miles from Niagara Falls, is coached by venerable John (Taps) Gallagher, one of the real gentlemen in the game. All of the success Niagara has had in basketball is directly creditable to Gallagher. His teams are beautiful precision machines. Never blessed with great height, the Purple Eagles are never-the-less a tremendous rebounding team.

Canisius has returned to national ranking under a comparative unknown Joe Curran, a Golden Griffin alumnus. In three years his teams have improved every year and were able to split even

in six games with Niagara. Niagara has a 32 to 26 game advantage in the colorful rivalry.

Niagara looks a little stronger than Canisius this season, but Canisius may be only a basket or two weaker, so when these two get together—look out!

### Kansas vs. Kansas State

When these two "Titans of the Midlands" play their annual pair of games, the setting is two of the finest college-owned arenas, the Allen Field House of the University of Kansas seating 17,000 and the Ahearn Field House of Kansas State with a capacity of 12,500.

These massive structures are a tribute to the prowess in basketball of these schools. For years, Kansas and Kansas State met in crackerbox gyms that bulged at the seams.

Forrest (Phog) Allen, the controversial but always colorful Kansas mentor, was forced to resign last spring after being the bold force behind the continual greatness of the Jayhawk teams. Due to Allen's canniness Kansas holds an 87 to 44 lead in the series with the Wildcats.

It wasn't until Jack Gardner took over at Kansas State that Kansas had much trouble with the Wildcats. Gardner's K-Staters won 3 Big Seven titles and finished top ten nationally for six straight years. Gardner managed to contain Kansas, winning 12 of 26 against the Allenmen. After Gardner switched to Utah, under stormy conditions, Tex Winter, his former assistant and then head coach at Marquette, took the Wildcat job. Although losing 5 of 6 to Allen, K-State did manage a split last year and in doing so won the Big Seven title.

Kansas won the national championship in 1952 and there are many who think new coach Dick Harp will have that pleasure his first year. The main reason for this optimism is a fine group of lettermen and a phenomenal group of sophomores led by Wilt Chamberlain.

Although Kansas may be a top choice for number one in the nation, when they meet Kansas State they'll be fighting for their basketball lives.

### Toledo vs. Bowling Green

In 1935, Harold Anderson was  
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Coach Pete Newell, California



Coach John Wooden, UCLA

Coach John Gallagher, Niagara



named head coach at Toledo and subsequently led them to basketball glory. The following year athletic relations between the two schools were severed, due oddly enough to a football riot. Competition between Toledo and B.G. were not renewed until 1948. During this eleven year period events transpired to increase an already torrid rivalry. In 1942, Anderson surprised everyone by moving 25 miles south to Bowling Green where he performed the same wonders he did at Toledo. His Bowling Green Falcons have been in 7 post season events, while Toledo, after being down during the war years, regained their stride under Jerry Bush and have been in 5 post season classics.

Anderson held a strange domination over Toledo in his 13 meetings with Jerry Bush through 1954. During this time Toledo lost all seven home games with the Falcons yet were able to win four of the six games played off the Rocket court.

Eddie Melvin, the present Toledo coach, has defeated Bowling Green three out of four. Melvin uses a two in, three out offense with changing pivotmen. On the bench, the Toledo coach is very excitable and has been called the John McGraw of basketball.

Anderson is one of the nation's most successful coaches, who believes a good offense is the best defense. He likes to fast break at every opportunity.

Illustrative of the rivalry's fierceness, is the fact that last year the opposing captains were brothers; All American Jim Ray of Toledo and his brother

Gene of Bowling Green, a service returnee.

Toledo and Bowling Green are both in the third years of 3 year rebuilding programs. What of this year's contest? The only thing you can expect is the unexpected.

## Arkansas vs. Texas

It's been five years since either Arkansas or Texas has won the Southwest Conference title and from the strength of Rice and S.M.U., it may be another five years until either wins, but when these two fine teams meet, the excitement is equal to that of a title game.

Over the years, Arkansas and Texas have been the most successful Southwest Conference teams both within the conference and in intersectional play.

Six times in recent years these two schools have ended 1-2 in the race, with the Texas Longhorns winning all the marbles on four of these occasions. In the overall series dating back to 1924, Arkansas holds a 35 to 33 game lead.

Arkansas is confident that they are headed for better things under Glen Rose who returned in 1952 to Arkansas, after his Razorback teams from 1934 through 1942 rated high in cage circles. Rose removed the ball control style that the Razorbacks had used for several years and installed his interesting, more colorful offense.

Texas, after a horrible 1954-55 sea-

Coach Joe Curran, Canisius



Coach Tex Winter, Kansas State





son, showed much improvement last season despite the resignation of Coach Thurman Hull. All American candidate Ray Downs will be the backbone of this year's dark horse Texas team.

Followers of both schools are looking forward to the day when they can regain their former basketball stature. Until they do, the fans can take solace in the great epic struggles that will take place when Arkansas collides with Texas.

## Louisville vs. Dayton

Although lacking the rich tradition of most rivalries, this series which started in 1948 is now one of the most explosive in basketball. Dayton and Louisville blossomed to basketball maturity about the same time. Last year climaxed their series when they met in the final of the National Invitational Tournament. Louisville edged Dayton 93 to 90 in one of the greatest shooting exhibitions the old garden has ever seen. Earlier in the season Louisville had beaten the Flyers twice 66-64 and 59-56.

An examination of the past records give a true indication of the tightness of the series. Dayton holds an 8 to 7 advantage over the U.L. Cardinals and have outscored them with 1033 points to 1030 points. It certainly couldn't be much closer.

Coaches Tommy Blackburn of Dayton and Bernard (Peck) Hickman of

Louisville have brought their schools to the top of the basketball world. During the past six years, Dayton has been in 6 post season tournies and in nine years under Blackman have won 198 games against only 74 setbacks. Dayton plays a game that overpowers the opposition. Often rough, the tall talented Flyers grind out win after win.

Hickman's record is even harder to beat than that of Blackburn. In twelve seasons the Cardinal mentor has won 257 tilts while dropping only 78, during which time the U.L. has been in 7 post season events. Hickman, a student of Ed Diddle, uses a fast break but also can use a set pattern of offense.

The rivalry extends off the court to the life-blood of college basketball teams—recruiting. Charges and counter-charges have been thrown between Louisville and Dayton. At present the Cardinals are on probation with the N.C.A.A. and will be ineligible for any tournament.

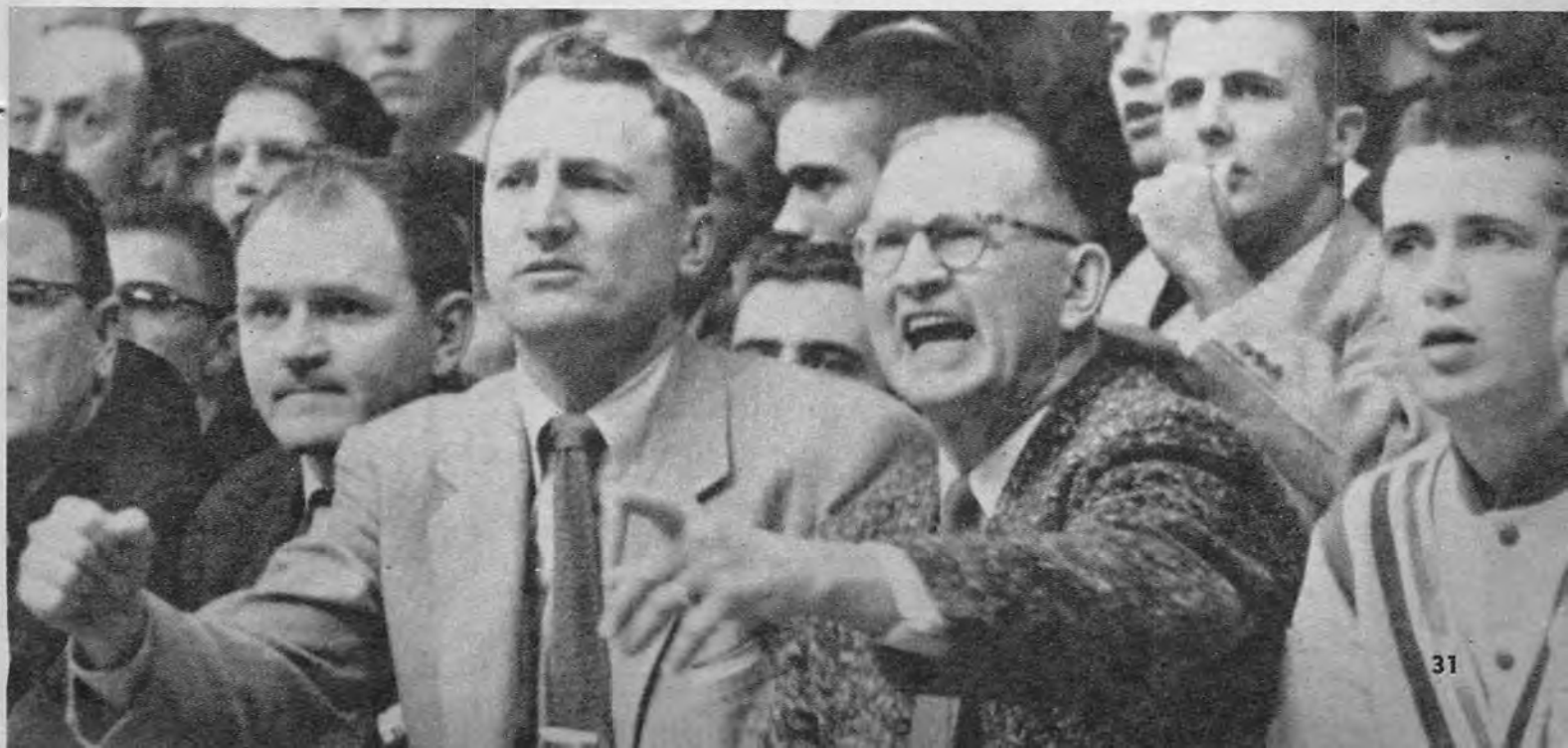
Both schools graduated important cogs, but Louisville returns Charlie Tyra, a great All American and should have the edge. Have no fears, basketball's civil war will explode again this winter with a brilliant basketball display.

## THE END

Typical of spirited play when Dayton tangles with Louisville is this action photo of Louisville's Bill Darragh (17) scoring a basket despite the efforts of Dayton's Jim Paxson.



Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, right, and Dick Harp express concern and excitement during game last year. Harp took over duties of head basketball coach at Kansas University when Dr. Allen was retired by the Kansas athletic board.



# Hot Rod Hundley...He's A One Man Show

The court magic of Mountaineers' colorful Hundley draws capacity crowds for he dazzles fans as well as opponents with his

by EDGAR BARRETT

phenomenal ball-handling skill, and he's also one of the nation's best all-around players.

**W**EST Virginia University makes no bones about claiming Player of the Year honors for its colorful All-American, Hot Rod Hundley, the most publicized college player in basketball today. Three years ago the school wasn't even sure he was its student—today the irrepressible Hot Rod is a good student making above-average grades, a serious husband intent on making good in his chosen professions of basketball and public relations, an all-around "solid citizen" entertaining fans wherever the Mountaineers play with his offhand but purposeful play-making and shotmaking capers.

"Hundley is the best crowd-pleaser I've ever seen in college basketball," says Lou Eisenstein, former president of the National Basketball Officials Association. "Even in pro ball I've never seen anyone with as much color; he can do things with a basketball that even the pros couldn't begin to do."

You have to see him in action to

believe him, and unbelievers flock to Mountaineer basketball games by the thousands wherever he appears. He saves his greatest shows for the big cities, like New York where he scored a record 40 points against St. John's last year and 38 against New York U., Pittsburgh where he's dazzled record Field House crowds ever since he was a freshman, the Dixie Classic in Raleigh where he scored 47 points against Wake Forest, and the Southern Conference tournament at Richmond where he led the Mountaineers to successive championships but sent the crowd away rollicking about his antics after sewing up each victory.

The Hot Rod loves to entertain and is a "natural" at public-relations. Though he may confuse and madden the home players with his ball-handling magic, their partisans are delighted to see the likeable kid from the hills demonstrating his many and varied abilities. West Virginia fans, who are not

unused to prosperity having seen their 1942 team cop the National Invitation Tournament, the 1945-through-1948 teams as national contenders, and Mark Workman toppling scoring records with abandon in 1951-52, turned out last season at the rate of nearly 6,000 per game which is the seating capacity of the Field House.

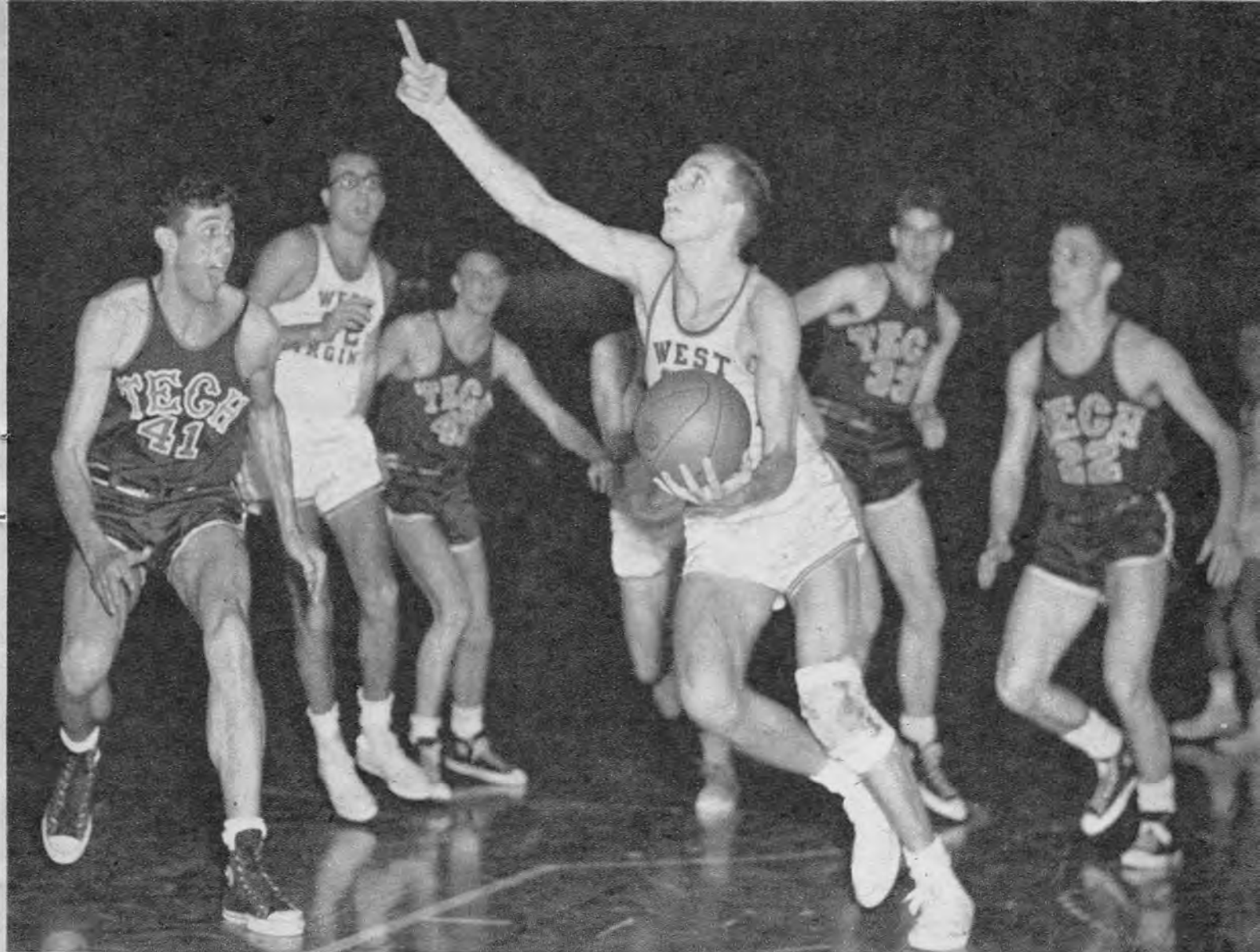
Hundley would rather claim to be a good all-around basketball player, however, instead of a crowd-entertainer who goes into his act when a game is on ice. Under the tutelage of the old pro (Fort Wayne and New York), Fred Schaus, he has become a topnotch rebounder (he stands 6-4 and averaged 13.1 rebounds per game in 1956) and promises to become a leader in assists when he enters pro ball. He can play defense with the best of them, too, as ex-George Washington star Corky Devlin will admit from Southern Conference Tournament experience, all the while he scores points at the rate of

Hundley has Pitt player completely baffled as he switches ball behind his back without changing stride.

Hot Rod and his charming wife Nancy are popular with the students on the West Virginia University campus.







Action photo shows typical Hot Rod stunt during West Virginia vs. Virginia Tech game. He points to the basket with one hand before shooting with other. Hot Rod is deadly accurate with hook shots on both sides of the basket.

26.6 per game, his 1956 average.

Hot Rod has nearly every shot in the book. He will toss in one-hand jump shots from behind the foul circle, drive in and fade away with deadly accurate hook shots on both sides of the basket . . . start the West Virginia fast break rolling and eventually make some incredible pass to a teammate that results in two points . . . rebound . . . and harass an opponent on defense.

During a tight ball game Hundley will occasionally wisecrack with his teammates, opponents or even fans on the sidelines, to keep at ease. "I play my best ball when I'm loose," he says. "A player is no good when he's tight . . . I love the game and like to feel at ease . . . the best way to do so is being natural."

Once after missing five straight shots in a runaway game for West Virginia, he chinned himself on the basket and took a look down the hoop to make sure nothing was stopping it up!

His passing

always hit the open man and will use a head fake and take the ball around his body while in the air and fake again if necessary to get a teammate open for a layup. He once rebounded the ball off the defensive board and hit a teammate on the dead run with a behind-the-back pass over three-fourths of the length of the court for a crib shot. He frequently will use the behind-the-back dribble (either hand) to break free from the defensive man.

Last Jan. 27, Hot Rod married his high school and college sweetheart, Nancy Jane Hammond, in Morgantown. Occurring in mid-season, his marriage must have helped him to average nearly 30 points a game thereafter.

He hates to be associated or compared to the Harlem Globetrotters. "They don't play basketball . . . it's just a colorful show with a script and actors on both sides with no defense against the tricks." His pro idol is the Celtics' Bob Cousy, who basketball ex-

pert Chuck Taylor says is the only player who can compare with Hundley in potential.

Athletic director Red Brown went out and got West Virginia its greatest basketball schedule so Hot Rod could properly display his talents. The Mountaineers this season will play in three tournaments—the Birmingham Classic, Dixie Classic and Southern Conference, home-and-away games with powerful Conference foes like George Washington, Furman and Richmond together with district series against Pitt and Penn State, dates with New York U. and St. John's of N. Y., Villanova, N. C. State, Florida State and other well-regarded opponents.

Such opposition provides a fast track for Hot Rod Hundley, but the colorful Mountaineer and his teammates are at their best when in a close race. So, fans can look forward to seeing geared-up basketball everytime West Virginia goes to the starting line this season. **THE END**

# TYRA is TOPS

by LES MOISE

As the nation's leading rebounder, and one of the best scorers, All-American Charlie Tyra is set to lead the University of Louisville Cardinals to new basketball accomplishments this season.

**T**EAMMATES call him "our bread and butter man." The one the University of Louisville cagers are talking about is the Cardinal's All-American center, Charlie Tyra. The reasons Tyra's teammates call him their meal ticket can be quickly seen from a brief study of Louisville statistics of the 1955-1956 season.

Tyra scored 690 points for a 23.8 per game average. Charlie was also the nation's top rebounder with a staggering total of 645 or 22.3 per game. Tyra, during the '55-'56 season was outscored by only two centers in the twenty-nine game Louisville schedule. Big Charlie outrebounded every opposing player in every game Louisville played. During the course of the season Tyra set new school records for: (aside from most season points and rebounds mentioned above) most points one game (38); most rebounds one game (38); most free throws one game (15); and most free throws season (166).

This amazing run of statistics was not compiled against easy opposition. In winning twenty-six of twenty-nine games, Louisville played thirteen of the games against N.I.T. or N.C.A.A. tournament teams. Louisville won twelve of these games that included such opponents as Dayton, Xavier, Duquense, Marquette, Canisius, and Memphis State. Louisville also played such

Tyra, who stands 6-8, was outscored last season only twice. The towering center pumped in a total of 690 points for a respectable 23.8 per game average.

nationally known teams as Notre Dame and Western Kentucky.

Tyra faced name centers Terry Rand of Marquette, Lloyd Aubrey of Notre Dame, Si Green of Duquense, Dave Pointex of Xavier, Dan Swartz of Morehead, and Bill Uhl of Dayton.

Perhaps much of Tyra's fame during

'55 and '56 came with his duels with the Dayton All-American center, Bill Uhl. Three times Louisville and Dayton met and three times Tyra outplayed, outscored and outrebounded the seven foot Uhl.

In the first game, which Louisville overtime at Day-



ton, Tyra outscored Uhl 30 to 19 and outrebounded him 18 to 9. In the second game, won 59 to 56 by the Cardinals, Tyra had the scoring edge 18 to 4 and the rebounding by 17 to 7.

The third duel came in the finals of the National Invitational Tournament, and was played before millions of people watching the national television hookup, and 16,000 fans in New York's Madison Square Garden. Louisville won 93 to 80. Tyra, for the third straight time, won the scoring duel 27 to 19 over Uhl. Charlie's rebounding edge in this deciding game was 19 to 10.

Tyra was named the N.I.T.'s Most Valuable Player. Later, in the only All-American selections made after the season was over, Tyra was named to the first team of the Helms Hall squad.

All this is quite an accomplishment for a boy who once could not make a basketball team. Tyra was passed over because he was too big. That was eight years ago when Tyra was a junior high school student. At six feet three inches, his fellow players said he was "too big and slow" and put a smaller boy in his place.

But this early setback to Tyra's basketball career was soon forgotten when Charlie enrolled at Louisville's Atherton High. By the time of his graduation, Tyra set a new city scoring mark for season play and was named to the first team on the All-State basketball squad.

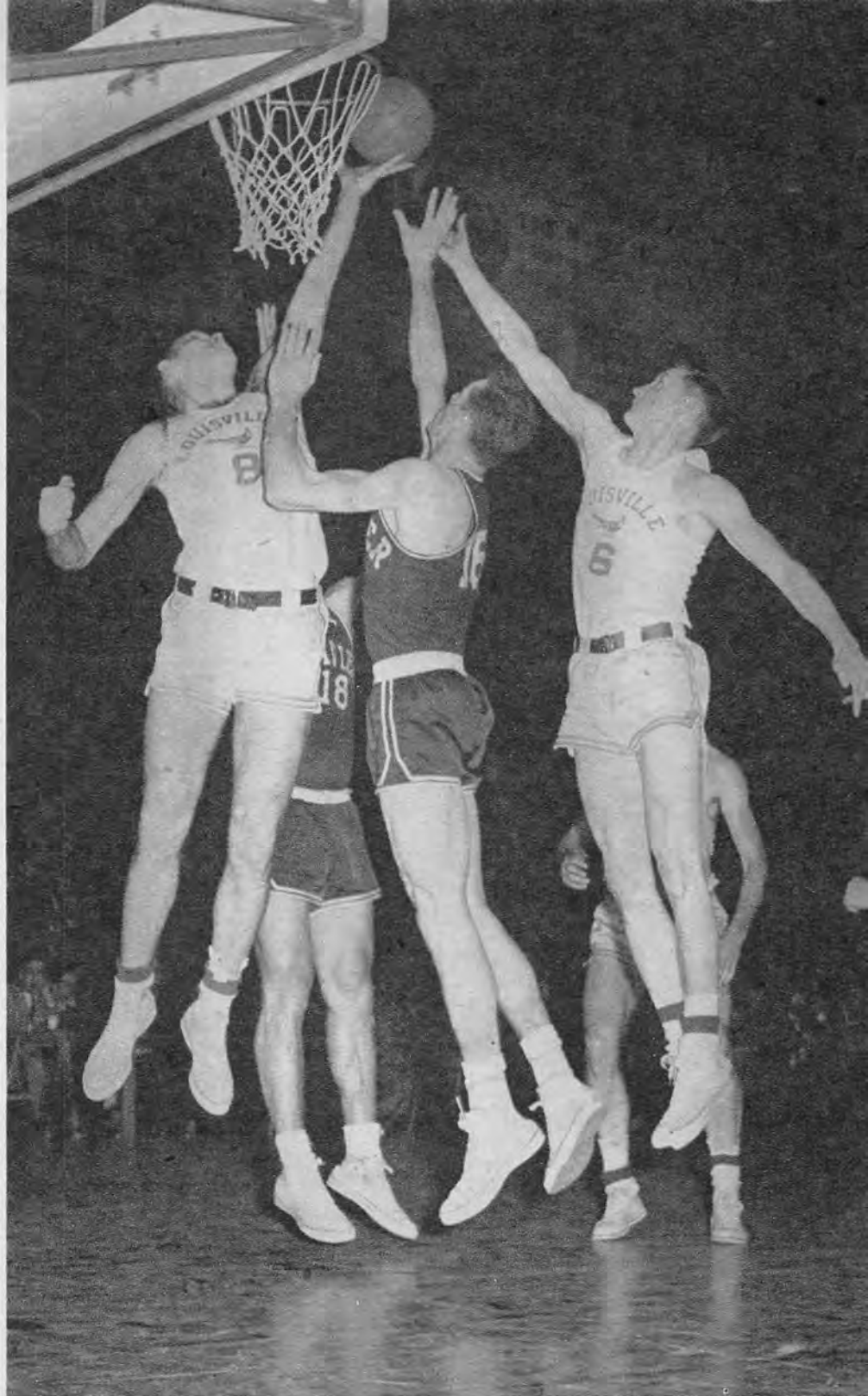
Though many colleges sought Tyra, there was never much doubt that the 6:8 Atherton graduate would choose his local University at Louisville.

Tyra was an immediate sensation on the freshmen team. When Louisville coach Bernard "Peck" Hickman found himself in a midseason rash of injuries, Tyra was pulled up to the varsity team.

In Charlie's first varsity game against Baldwin and Wallace, he made his first seven shots. The variety of shots included left and right handed hooks, three jump shots and two tip-ins. This great start was the tip-off of future greatness.

As a sophomore, even though sharing double pivot duties with 6:9 John Prudhoe, Tyra topped the team in scoring and rebounding.

Tyra's junior season brought him fame, a fame which Tyra takes very quietly and almost shyly. Coach Hickman says, "Tyra's greatness comes from two factors; his determination and hard work, plus a great touch that



During Xavier game, Charlie Tyra (8) gets a basket that helped Louisville get 83-70 win. Hank Schmidt (16) couldn't prevent the score. No. 6 is Herb Harrah.

gives him unsurpassed shooting and rebounding ability."

Says Frank Hartley of the Louisville Times of Tyra, "Even last season the only player with whom Tyra could be compared was Bill Russell of San Francisco. In the coming season, Tyra will be the nation's outstanding player." Ritter Collett of the Dayton Journal-Herald said, "Tyra is the best college center I have seen in five years."

Even during the early part of the 1955-56 season, veteran coach Adolph Rupp of Kentucky called Tyra "the best offensive player in the south."

From the way Tyra spells his name, most people pronounce it TIE-RUH; but Charlie says the right pronunciation is TIE-RAY. Right now no one in Louisville or in the nation is ready to argue the point.

THE END

# PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

by LESTER JORDAN

Since he was a big, awkward high school cager, Jim Krebs has come a long way, because he has been willing to devote endless hours to self improvement.

Today, he is brilliant SMU cage star.



Krebs' size, 6-8 and 220 lbs., enables him to take care of himself when going is rough.

**J**IM Krebs, the 6-foot 8-inch center of the Southern Methodist University Mustangs, who attracted the attention of national cage fans by his smooth play against the San Francisco Dons and the Temple University Owls in the National Collegiate Tournament at Evanston last spring, has been counted out as a star basketball player frequently but he always manages to come through when the big test arrives.

An awkward, fast-growing youngster in Webster Groves, Mo., Krebs was either cut from the basketball squad or practically ignored until his senior year in high school. Bobby Mills, captain-elect of the SMU cagers and now Krebs' roommate, in 1953 was a star at Cleveland High of St. Louis, a great rival of Webster Groves. Bobby says: "In his junior year, Jim didn't get to play and in his senior year he was a star primarily because his height gave him such an advantage. He did not have any shots—he just reached up and put the ball in the basket."

Doc Hayes, coach of the SMU Mustangs, gives Krebs much of the credit for the two Southwest Conference cage championships won by SMU during Jim's sophomore and junior years, but he was not too impressed

with the tall boy's ability when he first saw him play.

"I was at the North-South game in Murray, Ky., and saw Krebs play in the summer of 1953," Hayes recalled. "I noticed that he was a big, awkward boy, very green. Charles Tyra, star center for Louisville last year, was on the same team with Jim and played most of the game. He was further advanced than Jim."

Yet, three years later this same Krebs led the Mustangs through an undefeated 1955-56 season in the Southwest Conference, and to victories over the Border Conference champions and the Missouri Valley titleholders in the NCAA Western Regional playoffs to become one of the four teams in the running for the national collegiate championship.

During the NCAA tournament in McGaw fieldhouse at Northwestern University, SMU took on powerful University of San Francisco and the Dons' brilliant Bill Russell.

How did this awkward youth of yesterday perform against the great Bill Russell, the greatest college player of the decade in the opinion of many critics? In the first 15 minutes and 25 seconds he scored 14 of the 21 points made by the Mustangs. And how had these points been made by the boy who three years earlier had "no shot"? The first field goal came on a tipin, the next on a hook, then after a pair of free throws, Krebs got another tipin and this was followed by a set shot. A layup and a hook accounted for the next four points. During this same period Russell made 8 points. SMU lost the game but Krebs outscored Russell 24 to 17.

The next night against Temple, he scored 10 points in the first 6½ minutes to give SMU an 18-to-12 lead. Two of his points were on free throws, but his four field goals came one each on jump, layup, hook, and set shots. Quite a variety for the youngster who had not survived the cut in his early days in high school.

What do Coach Hayes, Captain Mills, and others who knew him in high school think about Krebs today? And how do they account for his improvement?

"When I first talked to Krebs and watched him play at Murray, I realized that he had lots of factors in his favor in addition to his height," Coach Hayes



said recently. "He was intelligent, determined, and had good co-ordination, though he was slow. He realized he had lots to learn but he appeared eager to pay the price of learning. He was willing to jump rope hour after hour, to run a great deal, and to work tirelessly to improve in the phases of the game in which he was not outstanding. As a result, he is now a better player than some who were his superiors two or three years ago."

Tyke Yates, who coached Krebs at Webster Groves and who recommended him to Hayes as a cager with great potentialities, saw him play in the national collegiate tournament when he scored 24 points against San Francisco and 29 against Temple. "I never dreamed Jim would make such progress in three years," he remarked.

"Jim improved more during the summer of 1953 than during any other period," Captain Mills said. Lloyd

Aubrey of Notre Dame, Bobby Thym of Vanderbilt, and other college players who lived in St. Louis worked out all summer with several of us from SMU, and these scrimmages helped Jim greatly. Jim is the type that does not give up easily when something is wrong. He just works that much harder to overcome any weaknesses that develop. He never blames the coaches or his teammates, or the officials if things go wrong.

"When we got to SMU, Jim worked long hours before the freshmen even reported for their first practice. After that he would come to the gym early and Coaches Hayes and Bob Prewitt would throw the ball to him time after time as they worked with him to improve his hook shot. He still was weak defensively during his sophomore year, but last season he blossomed out almost overnight as a fine defender. It really helped us guards."

Captain Mills says he thinks Krebs is as good as any center who will be playing college basketball this year. "I think he outplayed Bill Russell on offense in our game with San Francisco at Evanston and he also did his share on defense," Mills commented.

"Jim is a great player today largely because he profited tremendously by his playing experience," Coach Hayes said. "We told him that the actual playing of games gave him a great opportunity to improve himself. He has availed himself to the fullest of this opportunity. Our schedule has pitted him against many of the top centers of the country and he has learned something from each of them. He was better as a junior than I thought he would be as a senior."

"When Jim came to SMU," says Bob Prewitt, assistant coach, "he was just a growing boy who hustled to make up for his shortcomings. Jim is smart. That is his biggest asset. He learns easily and retains what he learns. You don't have to tell him anything twice. Weighing 220 pounds, Jim is rugged enough to take care of himself under the basket."

Krebs makes good grades at SMU. He is majoring in journalism and advertising. He is on the sports staff of the student newspaper and in the summer of 1956 worked in the advertising department of The Dallas Morning News.

"Jim likes his sleep and tries to get nine or 10 hours a night," says his roommate Mills. "He tries to avoid 8 o'clock classes so they won't interfere with his sleeping. He's a good mixer and is popular with both the eds and co-eds."

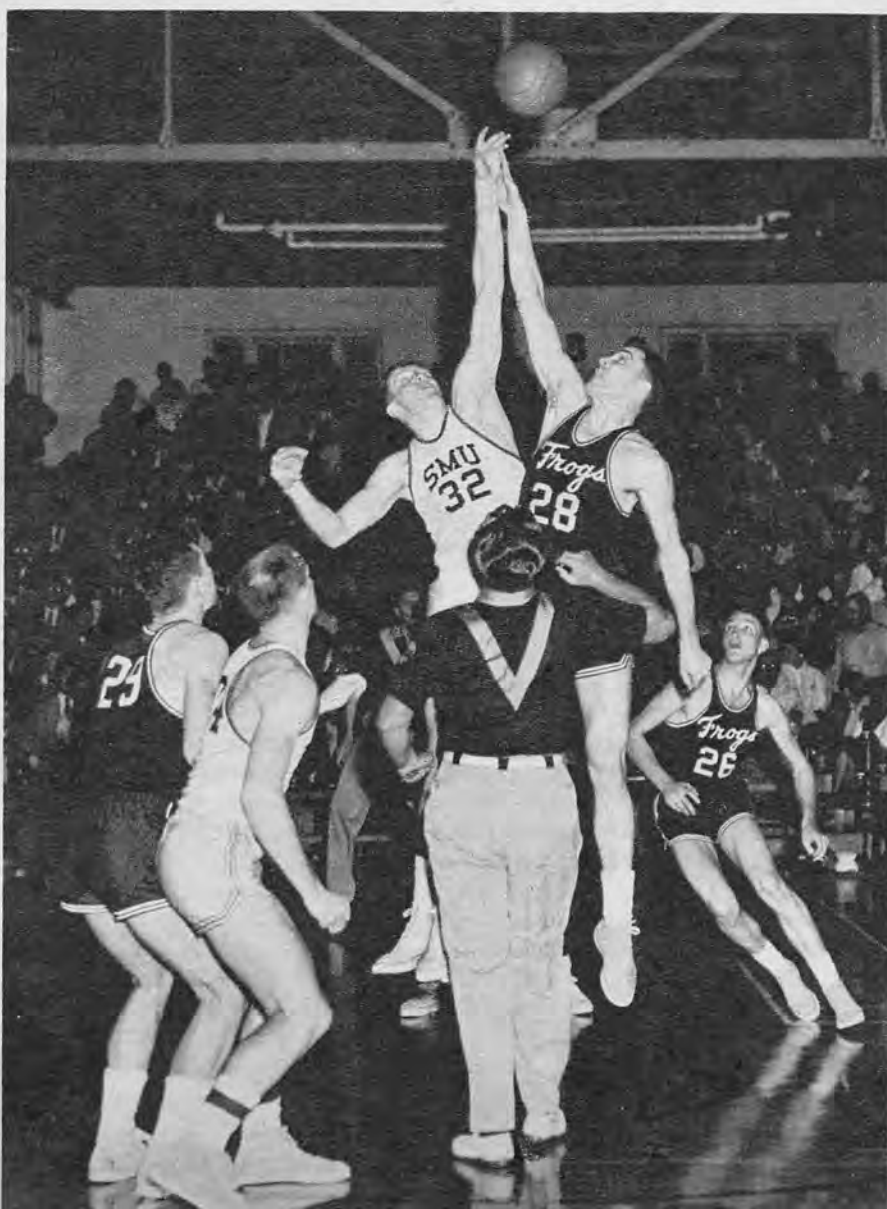
As might be expected Jim is a heavy eater but he watches his diet fairly carefully in order not to gain too much weight.

When not playing or practicing basketball, Jim enjoys playing golf or tennis. If a touch football game is started at the Athletes' Dorm, Jim usually can be found playing and where his pass-catching ability is of great aid to his team.

He is also an interested spectator at football and baseball games. Occasionally he will don the mask and other paraphernalia of an umpire and call an amateur contest. He has no trouble seeing over the head of the catcher to judge the pitch. And few players care to argue with an umpire who is 6 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 220 pounds.

THE END

At start of SMU vs. Texas Christian University game, Krebs (32) jumps high to get tip-off against TCU's big Dick O'Neal (28). Krebs has all the shots.



# Watch Out For Wilt "The Stilt"!

by DON PIERCE

The eyes of the basketball world are on "Wilt the Stilt" Chamberlain this season, and if the highly regarded U. of Kansas player lives up to advance notices he will be one of the greatest stars game has known.

**B**ASKETBALL teams fortunate enough to harbor Kansas on their home 1956-57 schedule should be building sideboards on their playing arenas. While they're at it they'd just as well construct 12-foot barricades around their goals and built-in ladders for their backliners.

Reason for all this is a 7-foot sophomore who will step squarely into the national spotlight with the tipoff of the Jayhawkers' season against Northwestern December 3 in Lawrence.

Even Myrtle, the girl at the corner cigar store knows about Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain. No wonder. En route to scoring 2252 points at Overbrook high school of Philadelphia, Chamberlain was called the greatest prep player of the age on all sides. Reportedly, more than 100 universities sought his collegiate services. Some professional coaches unhesitatingly named him the finest player in the land . . . better than Gola, Russell, or Lovellette. The Philadelphia Warriors drafted him right out of Overbrook, thereby scoring a four-year coup for future security.

When he enrolled at Kansas some of the doubters had to be shown. They were. In November, "The Stilt" scored 42 points and harvested 29 rebounds to lead the freshmen to their first victory of all-time against the Jayhawker

The Stilt towers 7-feet, weighs 230 lbs. He's also fast and very agile.

varsity in a series which extends back to 1923. And this varsity, until it lost Dallas Dobbs, its leading scorer and captain on the scholastic reefs at mid-semester, was a front-ranking contender for the Big Seven championship. In other words, it was no run-of-mine team, but a seasoned squad of experience and talent. Chamberlain led an 81-71 devastation.

After that the gold rush was on.

Two national TV networks moved in for footage. Three national magazines sent crews for pictures and interviews. All this, mind you, before the guy even had drawn on a set of varsity warmups.

Thus, Chamberlain already has enjoyed more nation-wide publicity than do most All-Americans in their senior seasons.

That's why Kansas will be the greatest draw in basketball, doubtless for the next three seasons. An amazing crowd of 14,000, just 3,000 less than the capacity of Allen Fieldhouse, knocked down the doors, to get their first view of him in the Varsity-Freshman match. As they filed out some folks didn't wait to write or phone for season tickets a year hence. They stepped up to the counter to place personal orders. Others came in by mail and telephone.

The steady flow of greenbacks into enemy tills, especially around the Big Seven, is not going to be an altogether joyful tune. What are rival teams going to do about the man himself?

For one thing he'll tower three inches above the tallest returning veterans, Jack Parr of Kansas State, who is 6-9, and the 6-8 Don Medsker of Iowa State. And this does not count the longer arm reach. Furthermore, he can jump 24 inches straight up without taking a preparatory step, which



almost always is available in game action.

As Phog Allen, the 70-year-old patriarch who was retired from the head coaching job July 1 after 39 seasons at Kansas, said, . . . "Wilt could team with two co-eds and two Phi Beta Kappas and do pretty well."

He'll be surrounded by something more than that. Not only do the Jayhawkers retain all five starters who finished last season, but they are bringing up a fine freshman squad aside from Chamberlain. This includes a 6-4, 205-pound lefthander. Ron Loneski, about whom considerably more would have been heard last year had it not been for Chamberlain.

That's why Kansas, starting its first year under 38-year-old Dick Harp, who succeeded Allen after an eight-year apprenticeship as his assistant, is squarely on the spot. With Chamberlain, the Jayhawkers, new coach and all, can't escape the favorite's role in their own league, despite the fact Kansas State's defending champions, and Iowa State will present teams which promise to rank with those school's all-time bests.

But as Harp says . . . "It's a good spot to be on."

To recap Wilt's explosion against the varsity in his only genuine competitive effort to date, he nailed 16 field goals on 35 shots for a 46-percent night. He added 10 of 13 free throws, while playing every minute of the way.

He scored four baskets on two-hand dunks, lifting his elbows as high as the rim. He sideboarded home three more (the new rules have outlawed this maneuver) when his teammates appeared to fire short or wide. The rest he levelled from ranges of point-blank to 15 feet. And he blocked four enemy tries almost before they could leave the fingers of the shooters.

"I couldn't get going that first half," Chamberlain commented disgustedly in the locker room after this one. He had 19 points by intermission.

Wilt's feats in this game can be more vividly focused by consideration of these facts . . . KU's single-game scoring record is 44 points held jointly by Clyde Lovellette, now with Minneapolis Lakers, and B. H. Born, of Peoria Caterpillars. The one-game rebound mark is 24, owned by Lew Johnson, a

6-6½ senior who is scheduled to move over to forward this winter after two years as the Jayhawkers regular pivot. The fieldhouse scoring ceiling is 36 by Kansas State forward Fritz Schneider.

In analyzing Chamberlain Allen says . . . "He easily has greater possibilities than any player we ever had here. He has coordination, can run and can jump. He can do everything."

"A fan just can't realize the effect of such an overpowering man. He just paralyzes smaller players, even if they're 6-7 or 6-8. He's even better than he looks out there. He's the best I ever saw. He'd increase any team's prospect by 50 percent."

"It's natural to compare him to Lovellette, and actually there is no comparison. Clyde had an uncanny touch with the ball that made him a wonderful shot. He was fairly shifty, like a boxer. Clyde also had big hips and shoulders that enabled him to block out defenders and get a lot of tip-ins. But he couldn't run nor jump nearly as well as Wilt. It was his touch that made him great."

The Stilt is most effective simply  
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In frosh vs. varsity game last year Chamberlain scored 42 points to lead freshmen to victory. Action in that game shows The Stilt (25) taking pass at pivot spot (left), crouching before shooting (center), and leaping up to score.



because of his physical qualities. He is an even 7-feet in his sweat socks. Over this unbelievable frame are spread 230 sinewy pounds. He is almost as agile as one of those 5-11 feeders and play-makers.

He hasn't shown yet that he ranks with Lovellette, the 6-9, 244-pound mastodon who led Kansas to the 1952 NCAA crown and Olympic games, as a shooter. He rarely hooks and does not have a light touch. His favorite poke is a jump-turn righthander down the middle of the lane, accomplished off an unusual left-to-right movement. He combines this well with a wedging drive toward the goal, which is more dextrous than swift. This is his maneuver to gain position for the two-hand dunk, which is going to splinter a lot of planks at both end of any playing floor.

Rebounding furnishes a sight too. He can sweep the ball out of the air with one of his satchel-like hands. Sometimes he goes up and simply pins the leather against the backboard . . . somewhere near the top . . . until he descends and is ready to pass. When he learns to get his arms up on defense its going to be like shooting over the Fort Cheyenne stockade.

Most ominous news to league rivals

are these three facts . . . 1) Even as a freshman he carried a good idea of how to get the most from his size and agility, and an aptitude to learn considerably more; 2) He carries unusual stamina; 3) He gives solid indication that he is going to be a blue-chip performer who'll rise above the pressure of both enemy devices and fan expectations.

Chamberlain is not eager for the limelight. Fact is, he shies away from it.

"Oh my," he said when told of two invading TV cameramen, "that's one reason I left Philadelphia."

Good as he is in basketball, this 20-year-old length of whalebone is not a mere one-sport athlete. He holds high promise as a high-jumper, broad-jumper and shot-putter. He won both conference freshman championships in the former event last year, setting a record of 6-4 $\frac{7}{8}$  indoors and scaling 6-3 $\frac{1}{2}$  outdoors. He picked off thirds in the shot at 47-2 and 47-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Competing for the first time in the hop-step-jump he was fourth in the 1956 Kansas Relays on 46-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , excellent distance for a beginner.

At Overbrook he reached 6-6 in the High Jump; :49.0 in the 440; 1:58.3 in the half; 53-4 with the 12-pound

shot, and 22-0 in the Broad Jump. Jayhawker track coach Bill Easton thinks he can high jump 7-0 if he could work at it full time.

There was sound reason for "The Stilt" to enroll at Kansas. Any boy with his basketball betterment in mind would consider the school high above the banks of the Kaw. The winning tradition, which has produced one NCAA title team . . . seven members of this club helped the United States to the Olympic championship at Helsinki . . . and two NCAA runners-up, is long and rich. Since formation of the old Missouri Valley in 1908, Kansas has bagged 29 conference crowns. Where, either, are there better cage facilities than the massive arena into which the Jayhawkers moved late in the 1955 season?

Allen did a persuasive recruiting job. He visited the boy and his parents in Philadelphia. They were impressed enough that Chamberlain twice visited the campus before announcing his choice soon after graduation.

Allen also rallied several members of the University's most prominent Negro alumni. Their selling job of the school's academic and athletic advantages was a good one.

By a cruel twist of fate, Allen, who has tutored so many good ones, will not coach what promises to be the greatest of them all. But he'll have the satisfaction of watching converts flock to his proposal of a 12-foot basket for which he campaigned so long. After writhing through a heavy night of Chamberlain stuffing, a lot of rival coaches will think even 12 feet is too low.

When Chamberlain made known his preference for Kansas, Joe Wilson, head of KU's dormitories, and housing facilities, ordered a special 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -foot bed for the new Carruth-O'Leary dorm. Wilt rooms there with Charlie Tidwell, national interscholastic 180-yard low hurdles record-holder from Independence, Kan.

There was some other ordering necessary too. The inseam of Chamberlain's varsity warmup trousers measures 42 inches. When held at ankle length, the top of them reaches the nose of Trainer Dean Nesmith, who stands 5-11.

That's the sort of fate that will befall a lot of rivals over the next three years . . . looking the guy directly in the belt buckle.

THE END



Chamberlain goes up to dunk another basket for the frosh while varsity team player "below" makes futile effort to block shot. Note the Stilt's reach.



# QUALIFIED LEADERSHIP

by FRANK SOLTYS

Fran "Red" Quinn, University of Connecticut cage co-captain is highly respected for his scholarly achievements as well as his athletic prowess. And, he's proven to be a capable leader.

**W**HEN basketball coach Hugh S. Greer of the University of Connecticut was asked to pick the player he expects to be outstanding for 1956-57, without hesitation he selected a 6'2", 21-year-old senior, Francis "Red" Quinn. To further express his faith in Quinn, Greer named him co-captain.

This selection of Quinn as the outstanding player may come as somewhat of a surprise to those who know, or follow, U-Conn. basketball since all of the talk has been centered around the sophomore giants—6'7" Al Cooper, 6'6" Billy Schmidt and 6'5" Wayne Davis.

Although recognizing the needed height, Greer based his reasoning on the necessity of stability which is not usually expected of sophomores.

What makes Greer's selection more startling is that Quinn only made the grade as a starter late last season. That's the story of "Red" Quinn—one of development and progression.

In his elementary school days "Red" attended Holy Trinity School in his hometown of Greenfield, Mass.—a school which had no athletic program and no gym—therefore it was not until he entered Junior High that he started playing basketball under supervision. In his sophomore year at high school he made the varsity team and then went on to be elected team captain in his senior year (1952). That year he was also named to the All-Western Massachusetts quintet.

Following his graduation from Greenfield High, Quinn enrolled at Deerfield Academy for one year and continued to play basketball there.

With the Connecticut freshmen in 1953 he scored 145 points in 14 games. The next year he moved up to the Varsity, beginning his long climb to the height he reached last year in winning a starting position and the expectations for this season.

Quinn's finest quality as a basketball player is his defensive play. However, he is the best set shot on the squad and an excellent driver. In his sophomore year he scored 103 points in 24 games. Last year he scored 239 points for a 8.5 game average.

It's difficult to state that one player was responsible for any one victory, but no one will deny that Quinn's guarding of Rhode Island ace Billy Von-Weyhe, when he held him to one basket in 10 minutes (Connecticut won in overtime 88-86), was the contributing factor that clinched Connecticut's 8th Yankee Conference title in nine years and ultimately sent the Huskies to the NCAA tournament as an automatic qualifier. Then too, in the Eastern Regionals at Madison Square Garden against Manhattan, Quinn—now a starter—contributed 12 valuable points while holding down Jasper ace Gerry Paulson (Connecticut won 84-75).

Besides basketball, Quinn is a better than average tennis player, lettering in that sport as a sophomore. An ardent scholar, however, he chose to forego playing tennis last year to devote his attention to his studies.

His love for basketball, which his mother says he "eats and sleeps," is only surpassed by his scholarly ambitions. Starting off with a 31 quality point ratio (q.p.r.) as a freshman, out of a possible 40, Quinn has advanced himself to honor-roll status with 34 q.p.r.'s after his three years. This cumulative average ranks him in the top quarter of his class. Last semester his grade sheet listed three A's and two B's.

A government major, Fran Quinn is intent on pursuing his education following his graduation next June, with graduate school his immediate goal.

Coach Greer is not alone in recognizing leadership qualities in Quinn. At the conclusion of last year he was



Fran Quinn, a fine defensive player, has the best set shot on Huskies squad. He's 6-2, and weighs 210 lbs.

selected as one of eight (out of nearly 1,000 senior men at Connecticut) to the Archons—honorary leadership fraternity.

In the summer months he is employed as a checker in the tobacco fields around his hometown.

This year with Connecticut's basketball fortunes bidding for still greater stakes (the Huskies will play 16 of 24 games against "major" opponents and have been invited to play in the Orange Bowl Tournament) when the smoke is clear, and the season is over, the feeling on the rolling campus of Storrs, Connecticut, is that Co-captain Fran "Red" Quinn will not only live up to these much deserved expectations but exceed them.

THE END



# LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD

by BILL SURFACE

Vernon Hatton lives in Lexington and he has realized life-time ambition by becoming star performer for Kentucky in his own home town.

IT'S rare indeed when a basketball powerhouse plucks an All-America performer from its own orchard, but that's where the University of Kentucky discovered Vernon Hatton, an angular blond-thatched playmaker who appears destined to earn national honors before the 1957 season is very old.

Most winning schools are forced to import their raw material. Only last season several of the nation's leading teams were composed almost entirely of out-of-staters, but Kentucky seldom migrates far from home for its top performers.

Hatton is a case in point. He came from "just down the street," and in fact, is still playing on his own "high school court." Why did this scholastic All-America remain in town when he had some 30 lucrative offers? "Well, ever since I was big enough to know what a basketball was, I've had my heart set on wearing a UK uniform," grinned the husky 6-3 guard. "It's one of these childhood dreams that sticks with you regardless of what happens. I never seriously considered another school, although I did talk with the Brigham Young coaches. But the only reason I conferred with them was the religion," added the serious-minded Mormon.

And Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp, who has produced an unmatched record of 18 bona-fide All-America hoopsters during his brilliant tenure, certainly is thankful the erstwhile Lafayette High School All-Stater cast his lot with the local unit. "Why last year Hatton practically was the difference between our successful season and a disastrous one," the Baron explained.

"Although I rated him as the best of our 12 varsity newcomers, I hesitated to let a sophomore run my offense." (The Kentucky attack is controlled entirely by the guards, with virtually every set situation developing from the initial moves of the back-court men). Hatton

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Hatton (40), Kentucky's sensational guard, makes a backhand shot despite efforts of Temple's Guy Rodgers. Hatton is 6-3, and an expert ball handler.



# TEMPLE TEMPEST

by AL SHRIER

Temple University's Guy Rodgers has speed, alertness and perfect co-ordination, and that is the reason why many coaches agree he's the next thing to a hurricane on a basketball court.

**F**EW players have captured the fancy of basketball fans in recent years as the great Bob Cousy and this type of court performer will always remain the favorite of the paying spectator despite the flow of giants into the sport.

Is there a player alive today who can thrill crowds in the manner of Cousy? The answer is yes if you were fortunate enough to watch Temple University's basketball team in action last winter. The possible successor to Bob Cousy is a six-foot Negro named Guy Rodgers who has a flair for basketball wizardry.

The writer polled eight of the nation's top coaches on Rodgers' ability in order to complete this article and the consensus: Guy Rodgers has one of the brightest futures in basketball.

Rodgers, like Cousy, has to be seen in action to be appreciated. His brilliance is difficult to describe but a few words from each of the coaches who watched Rodgers star against their teams last season might help.

Guy's first sensational college performance—he is only a junior now—came against mighty Kentucky. Wildcat mentor Adolph Rupp will tell you that "Rodgers was the fellow who beat us. He is an excellent play-maker and should develop into one of the outstanding players of the coming season."

Rupp's enthusiasm is easy to understand. In his third varsity game, Rodgers scored 24 points, handed off numerous assists and directed the Temple attack perfectly as the Owls rolled to a 73-61 victory over Kentucky at Lexington, the first season opening home defeat for a Rupp quintet in 29 years.

Iowa coach Bucky O'Connor, having watched Guy almost ruin Iowa with a 28 point performance at Evanston, Illinois, in the semi-finals of the National Collegiate Tournament, jumps on the Rodgers' bandwagon with the following statement: "He played a phenomenal game against Iowa not only in

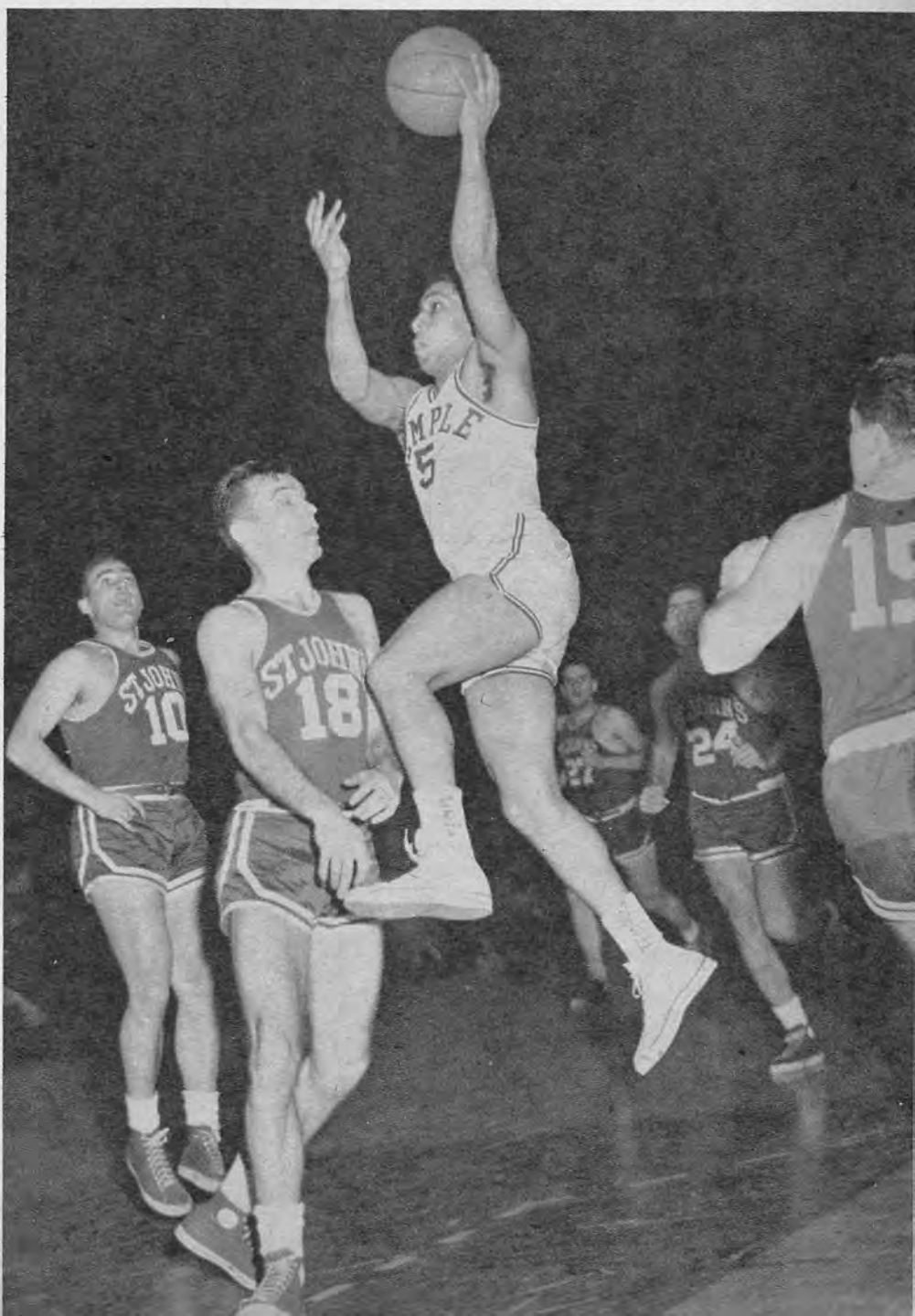
scoring but I thought his floor play and generalship was some of the finest I have ever seen anywhere."

Action below shows what usually happens when Temple's Guy Rodgers starts a fast-break as he drives through all five St. John's players to score 2 points.

Joe Curran, whose Canisius club lost the NCAA Eastern championship to Temple at the Palestra, feels that Temple will be one of the nation's powers "as long as the magnificent quarterbacking of Guy Rodgers is present." Lafayette mentor George Davidson considers Rodgers a "Cousy-type player who is an excellent ball-handler with cat-like hands."

Veteran Manhattan College coach Ken Norton couldn't stop raving about Rodgers after Guy had a sensational night against the Jaspers when he scored 26 points, handed off 15 assists (a Palestra record) and grabbed eight

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## LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD

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barrelled for the basket with abandon during the pre-season drills, but when the Ruppmen opened their season against Louisiana State in Baton Rouge, the prize cage pupil was resting next to Rupp on the bench, where many UK All-Americans served their apprenticeship.

Vern became one of the quickest graduates of the "Rupp School" in history. Only 13:26 was left to play in the opener when he made his varsity debut before the Bayou crowd, but he performed creditably in the more professional opinion of the UK staff, which has little concern for the flashy type play. Hatton not only has been a regular ever since, but developed into what Rupp described as "a leader"—the competitor type that's essential in a winning system.

"I didn't think I'd ever have anything scare me like reporting to the scorer in that first game," Hatton says, "but when we opened our home schedule against Temple and I was in the starting lineup for the first time—Wow, was I nervous!"

Naturally Hatton had a little fear in his mind, but little time had elapsed before the word got around the conference and rival coaches began to fear him. By the season's end, he was looking for new fields to conquer as a junior and had impressed league pilots so much as a yearling varsity terror that they selected him in two separate polls as the Southeastern Conference's "Sophomore of The Year."

Kentucky's guards, who play under a definite and well-prepared pattern, aren't the Frank Selvy type gunners. It's not that they can't hit with consistency, but Rupp is a percentage man and figures a shot by the pivotman, or one developed from a well-executed screen is worth working for and more likely to be a bulls-eye than a fling from afar by a guard. "We don't allow our guards, or anyone, in fact, to fire just for points and then back away from the basket. We're in this business to win and individual performances are secondary," the UK mentor points out.

It's true figures don't lie, but they can be deceptive in measuring a player's true value. Hatton finished behind All-America Bob Burrow and All-SEC

choice Jerry Bird in Kentucky scoring with a respectable 13.3, and ranked second in the league's field goal accuracy department with a shooting mark of 49.4 per cent.

While consistency was his most valuable trademark, Hatton proved best when "chips were down." DePaul Coach Ray Meyer told a Chicago press conference Hatton easily could become "just about the greatest," and the rugged guard made Meyer look like the world's greatest prognosticator when he meshed 32 points the following night against the Blue Demons.

Rupp explains that Hatton's greatest attribute, aside from a cool-headed attitude and post-sophomore confidence, is an unusually deceptive change of pace dribble that allows him to break through the inner defenses for seemingly easy buckets. This move, which Hatton describes as his favorite, is comparable to the offensive maneuvers of former Illinois great Don Sunderlage.

And what was this versatile guard doing when a visitor finally tracked him down? Why shooting baskets at an outdoor goal.

THE END

## TEMPLE TEMPEST

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rebounds. Says Norton: "He has the speed, alertness and co-ordination that makes great basketball players. As a sophomore, he has shown exceptional basketball know-how. He should write basketball history for Temple University."

Dudey Moore, who has made Duquesne a perennial tournament contender, describes Rodgers' greatness with the following tale:

"Mickey Winograd, one of the best defensive men we have ever had at Duquesne, was given the job of trying to hold Rodgers. Mickey tried harder than ever but couldn't handle Guy due to his explosive speed and his uncanny ability to shoot a perfect soft shot while at full speed.

"At a time out, Mickey asked if I had any suggestions to help him in guarding Guy. The only thing I could offer was that he might pray that Rodgers started missing. No one guard can stop him."

Rodgers also made an impression on New Englanders, especially on Holy Cross coach Roy Leenig. According to

Leenig "Rodgers was the boy who led Temple to its wonderful victory over Holy Cross in the Tournament. He is one of the coolest and canniest performers under fire that I have seen in quite some time. He has everything . . . great scoring ability, fine defense and all-around leadership to take command on the floor."

Jim Pollard, who tutors LaSalle's quintet, and his Explorers are also involved in Philadelphia's Big-Five setup and thus had the opportunity to see Rodgers display his court wares often. Pollard sums up his appraisal of Rodgers by saying that "I would sure love to have Guy on my club.

"He is an excellent passer with fine vision for the open man and his sharp reflexes enable him to direct Temple's fast-break perfectly. Guy has always impressed me with his leadership, his clean play and has always been the perfect gentleman on and off the court."

Rodgers had a sophomore campaign that few have ever equalled. His play-making and all-around ability helped Temple compile a 27-4 record, the winningest log in the school's long court history. The Owls took third place honors at Evanston as Rodgers deluged the mid-Western fans with his

court exploits. He combined with Hal Lear to give Temple the most feared fast-break combo in the nation.

Under coach Harry Litwack's guidance, Rodgers scored 573 points and seems destined to become the greatest player in Temple basketball history. Litwack feels that Rodgers has been gifted with a talent that seldom comes along.

In his two remaining seasons at Temple, Guy should win national acclaim. Ever since he began playing basketball, Rodgers has been a stand-out and the honors he won last year and as a high school scoring champion are too numerous to mention. Just let it be said that his trophy-case is continually expanding.

Men like Adolph Rupp, Bucky O'Connor, George Davidson, Jim Pollard, Roy Leenig, Ken Norton, Dudey Moore and Joe Curran are recognized basketball experts. Their praise of Guy Rodgers may convince you of Rodgers' exceptional ability. Who knows? When Bob Cousy calls it quits, the professional game may still have another player of Cousy's crowd-pleasing style in Temple's Guy Rodgers.

THE END





Earl Robinson, who is 6-1 and weighs 192 lbs., resembles Jackie Robinson, Dodger diamond star. Earl is also a fine major league baseball prospect.

## HUMAN JUMPING JACK

California's opponents will have rough time trying to stop Earl Robinson who solves defense problems by merely out-jumping the heighty defenders

by **BILL SCHROEDER**

**P**ACIFIC Coast basketball followers will revel at the sight of a jumping-jack in action this year. He is Earl Robinson, brilliant University of California junior guard, who excelled as a sophomore last season.

Robinson was one of Coach Pete Newell's gallant Golden Bears who kept the California outfit in the thick of the 1956 Pacific Coast Conference hoop race—until the Berkeleyites ran into too much of U.C.L.A.'s Willie Naulls and Morris Taft in a couple of home-stretch meetings late in the campaign. At that, Newell's Californians wound up in a tie for third place in the P.C.C. standings.

With a year of sophomore experience behind him, during which he was a Golden Bear regular, Earl Robinson promises to sparkle even more brightly as the coming season approaches.

Likened to Jackie Robinson, the Brooklyn Dodgers major league base-

ball star, in appearance—the two would easily pass for brothers, the University of California Robinson is a capable diamond campaigner, himself, in addition to being adept upon the basketball court. At this early stage, Earl is being groomed as a definite major-league baseball prospect.

Earl Robinson stands 6-feet, 1-inch in height, and tips the scales at 192. He is exceedingly fast, and has amazing elasticity in his sturdy legs. He's a human jumping jack on the basketball court. Earl's chief weapon on attack is his spectacular jump shot, against which it is mighty difficult for adversaries to guard. Robinson embarrassed a flock of exasperated opponent defenders with this maneuver last season, and it's a good bet that they will be in for more of it during the coming campaign. Even heighty defenders are troubled by Robinson's jump-shots, for the speedy California guard is able

to leap high above their waving arms.

Coach Pete Newell realized that he had an ace-in-the-hole coming up for the California varsity, last year, in Robinson, but he was concerned over the possibility that Earl wouldn't be able to stand the heat of season-long competition. He was aware of the fact that Robinson had suffered knee injuries, and that he was susceptible to recurrences. However, Newell started Robinson as a regular last year, and that's where the young sophomore wound up when the curtain dropped on the '56 campaign.

If Robinson was bothered with knee trouble last year, no one would have known it, for Earl hopped around the court like a gazelle, and he peppered the hoop frequently with his highly-successful jump shots. In 25 skirmishes, Robinson flipped in 104 field goals in 255 attempts, for a .408 shooting average. His point total was 284, giving him a mark of 11.4 per game. There is reason to believe that Robbie will be flirting with a 20-point average this year—or better. He has an eagle-eye, and there isn't a better floor-man, or ball-handler in collegiate ranks.

Blessed with an ideal temperament for athletics, Robinson is cool under fire, and nothing seems to bother him when the pressure is on. Coach Newell, who has handled many top-notch performers at San Francisco U., Michigan State, and, now, at California, says this about Robinson: "I've never coached a boy who is more eager and willing to learn than Earl. He spends many hours in striving to correct any weaknesses which he may have on the court—but he has few of them, if any."

And, you can mark this down in your little black book, the young man who could carry California to the heights upon the basketball court in 1957, is jumping jack Earl Robinson.

Proof that Earl Robinson is a potential 20-point-a-game man is the fact that the sensational California sophomore guard rolled up 27 points against Oregon, and 20 against Idaho last year.

Now, I'm suggesting, keep your eyes focused upon Earl Robinson, California's amazing jump-shot artist, for he's liable to wind up on more than a few All-America team selections this year—Helms Athletic Foundation's included . . . He's the fellow who looks like Jackie Robinson, and who performs like the former U.C.L.A. athletic great.

**THE END**

# RUGGED REBOUNDER

Ohio State's Frank Howard is a specialist, and his boards, a job he does unusually well regardless

by BOB RUSSELL

specialty is sweeping the back-of rough going under the basket.



FRANK HOWARD  
Ohio State Univ.

**F**RANK HOWARD is the sort of specialist who comes along too seldom in basketball.

He's no giant. He doesn't average 30 points a game. But the rangy, 20-year-old Ohio State University junior is the kind of kid any coach would like to build a team around.

The reason is that Howard ranks with the greatest rebounders in the game today.

So effectively does he sweep both bankboards that a scout once wrote in his report to a rival Big Ten coach:

"Bring your own ball. When you play Ohio State, Howard will have the game ball most of the time."

Collegiate coaches who saw Frank make his dazzling debut as a sophomore last winter predict that he'll be one of the greatest in the 1956-57 campaign.

"That Howard boy is my kind of basketball player," declares Ray Meyer, the DePaul University coach, who's a

devotee of the rugged rebounding game.

"He's one of the best rebounders I've seen in years. He has all the traits that make a great board man.

"You'll notice that he always takes good position. He has tremendous spring, too—enough to outjump most fellows three or four inches taller than he is. There are two reasons why he usually comes out with the ball.

"However, the thing about Howard that impresses me most is that he's not afraid of anything. He'll mix it up under the boards with anybody, any time."

Frank looks more like an All-America end than he does a basketballer. He stands 6 feet 5 inches tall and carries his 212 pounds in a way that lends a pantherish, almost lean look.

Thus, one of the oddest things about the brilliant Buckeye athlete is that he has never played a minute of football, either at South High School in Columbus, Ohio, or across town at Ohio State University.

That's doubly strange because Howard has an intensely competitive nature.

Another oddity is that he has no intention of playing professional basketball after he graduates from the university. Instead, he has set his sights on a baseball career.

Many people are certain he can make the big jump to the major leagues as such other recent Big Ten athletes as Robin Roberts of Michigan State, Bill Skowron of Purdue, Harvey Kuenn of Wisconsin and Paul Giel of Minnesota did.

"Frank is a great basketball player, but he's even greater as a baseball player," insists Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy, the All-America halfback who played alongside Howard in the Ohio State outfield last spring.

"He has the greatest potential for baseball of any kid that I've ever seen. Why, he's a finer outfielder right now than a lot of them playing regularly in the major leagues.

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**C**HANCES are you've never heard of Albie Sicking.

Chances are there won't be a basketball fan in the nation who hasn't heard of him by the end of this season.

In one big stretch drive Sicking seems destined to blaze a brilliant trail to basketball stardom. The chubby 6'6" center is not a newcomer to big time college basketball.

At many schools Sicking would have been a first string center and author of new scoring and rebound records.

At the University of Dayton Big Al has been screened out of that position for two seasons, first by a combination of the lean 6'8" Johnny (Vertical Hyphen) Horan and Billy Uhl and last season by the Flyers' seven-foot All-American, Uhl.

This, plus the fact that Big Al is a quiet, unassuming young man have tended to keep Sicking in the shadows. For the most part Sicking has remained in the background, but it's difficult to keep a 230-pounder out of the limelight entirely and Sicking has been front and center in that limelight a number of times.

Take the 1956 National Invitational Tournament in Madison Square Garden. Dayton was the top-seeded team of the tournament. The Flyers drew a bye the first round, then tangled with Ned Wulk's scrappy Musketeers of Xavier University in the quarter-finals.

A two-week pre-tourney lay-off plus the determination of Xavier had the Flyers in hot water. Dayton trailed 29-32 at the half.

In the first four minutes of the second half Xavier ballooned its lead to 44-35. Flyer Coach Tommy Blackburn then turned to his bench. Billy Uhl, who as reported in *SPORTS REVIEW* last fall has never played an outstanding game in Madison Square Garden, was replaced by Sicking.

Sicking ignited the Flyer fuse. He turned two wheeling, looping lay-ups into three-point plays. In seven minutes he poured through 11 points. He scored five consecutive Flyer points. It was his twisting lay-up that deadlocked the count at 48-48.

The Muskies weren't dead. Xavier fought to the wire, but Sicking had given the Flyers the lift they needed. Uhl returned in the closing minutes to score two free throws that broke a 68-all deadlock and the seven footer came down with the rebound of Xavier's last shot to set up an unneeded "breakaway bunny" by Carmen Riazzi to give Dayton a 72-68 win.

Dayton didn't win the NIT. Louisville clipped the Flyers in the finals, but if it hadn't been for Sicking Dayton wouldn't have gotten past its first game.

Sicking had been billed as the nation's No. 1-No. 2 center. Dayton felt

Big Al was the best No. 2 center in the nation. But Dayton was winning without him. He remained in the background.

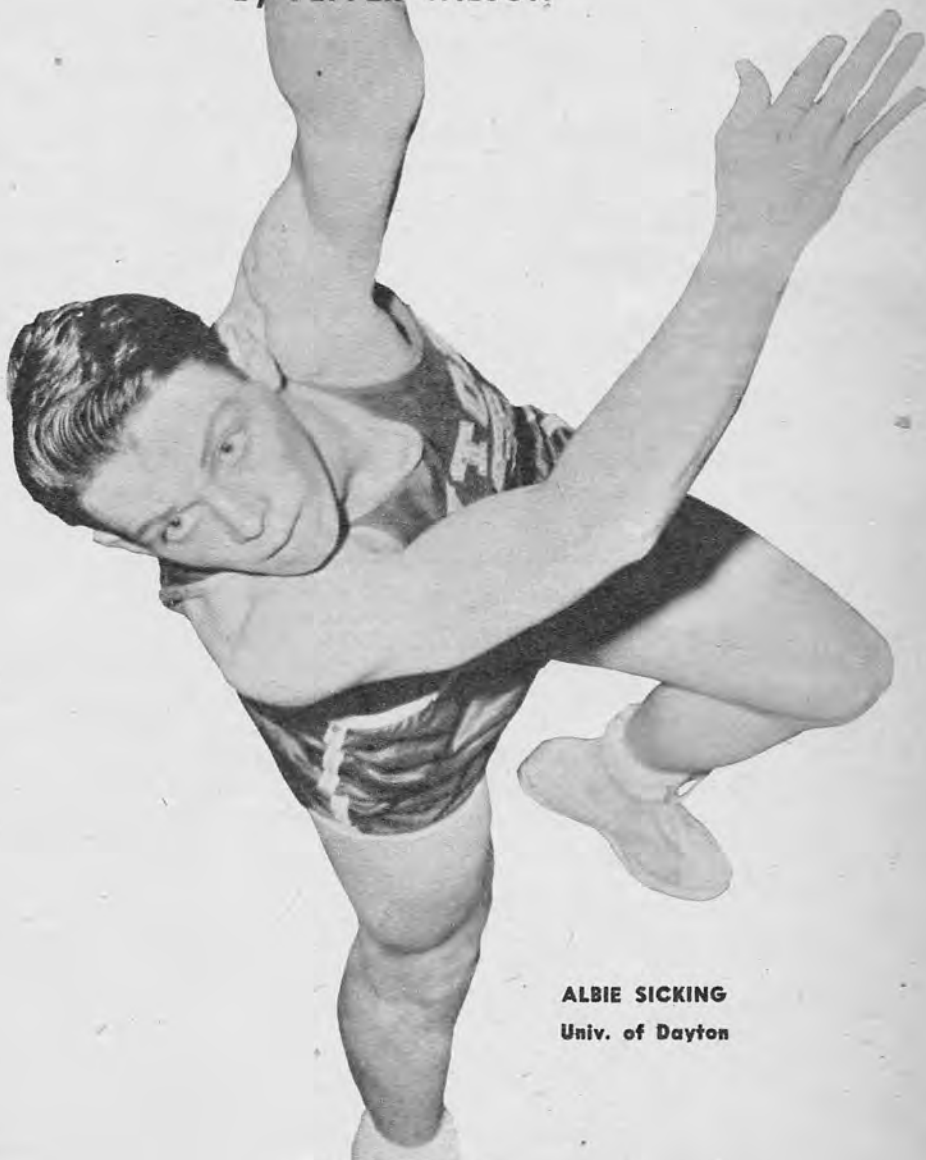
Sicking's performance against Xavier wasn't the first time Big Al had come

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## SIX-POINT SICKING

Al Sicking always scores at least six points regardless of time he's in a game, and usually his tallies are crucial points that change tide of game to victory for U. of Dayton

by **PEPPER WILSON**



**ALBIE SICKING**  
Univ. of Dayton

## RUGGED REBOUNDER

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"Because of basketball, he reported late for baseball at Ohio State last spring. That's the only reason he got off to a slow start. But at the end of the Big Ten season, he was coming fast.

"Not long after that, he hit his peak. You should have seen him on the trip our Ohio State team made to Japan last summer. He was great. It seems to me he hit at least one home run in every game."

However, Floyd S. Stahl, Ohio State's small, energetic basketball coach, is mighty happy that Howard will have two more seasons on the hardwood for the Buckeyes, before he switches to the diamond permanently.

With Howard and Robin Freeman, the skinny All-American sharpshooter from Cincinnati, combining their diverse talents last winter, Ohio State posted a 9-5 Big Ten records, its best since 1950, and tied for third place.

"Frank was a major factor in our fine play last winter," says Stahl. "His offensive and defensive rebounding was a strong point of our team all season.

"He'll be a big help to us the next two seasons. In my opinion, he should be an outstanding candidate for All-Western Conference and even All-American recognition.

"One thing about Frank is that he has unusual spring and, to go with it,

amazing ruggedness. Although he's very aggressive, he doesn't foul excessively. We lost his services on fouls in only four games last season.

With Freeman gone, Howard may take on more of the scoring responsibility this year. He started slowly in that department as a sophomore a year ago, but came along fast and finished with a 15.2 Big Ten average.

Thus he ranked 18th in the Western Conference. But 1956 was a senior season in the Big Ten. Only one sophomore, Archie Dees, the 6-ft. 8-in. Indiana University center from Mt. Carmel, Ill., finished higher than Howard.

Not all of the big Buckeye's baskets come from his reboundings.

"He has good speed and a good drive-in shot," Stahl points out. "He can hook well around the basket with either hand, so, if it's indicated, we can play him at the pivot.

"In addition he has an exceptionally good outside shot to go with all his other shots."

Big Ten basketball followers started early to compare Howard with two recent All-American basketballers who wore the scarlet and gray, Dick Schnittker and Paul Ebert.

"Howard is not as finished a player as either Schnittker or Ebert," Stahl explains. "However, he's much more rugged than either of those boys."

As a sophomore last season, Frank played in every one of Ohio State's 22 games. Time after time he was in

for the full 40 minutes of the game.

He didn't shoot often, firing at the basket only 288 times and hitting it 122 times, for a percentage of .423. He made 89 out of 129 free throws for .690.

But rebounding was the thing that stamped him for greatness. He picked off 284 of Ohio State's 773 rebounds, for a percentage of .367. And he made it look easy, the way champions almost always do.

Aggressive and rugged on the basketball floor or the baseball diamond, Frank is modest, almost shy away from the scene of athletic competition. He has no steady girl friend and he avoids social events when he can.

Frank is enrolled in physical education and in advanced ROTC. He wants to coach, but first he'll have a fling at baseball.

That's a sport in which his 6-ft. 4-in. dad also excelled. However, the elder Howard never tried to climb above the semi-pro level. Now his son is rated a major-leaguer of the future.

There are four younger Howards to cheer for Frank, a brother and three sisters. However, basketball coaches and baseball managers will have to wait for the younger Howard brother.

He's only 10 and he has yet to show his athletic prowess. But Frank has blazed the trail in collegiate basketball and baseball and he's likely to continue to do so in major-league baseball some year soon.

THE END

## SIX-POINT SICKING

*Continued*

out of that background to get the Flyers airborne. Al was just a sophomore when Dayton moved into Cincinnati for a clash with George Smith's Bearcats who had yet to taste defeat on their new armory court.

In the opening stages of the game Dayton's Johnny Horan and the Bearcats' brilliant Jack Twyman were playing each other to a stand-still. Uhl was in trouble with fouls. Dayton was trailing 16-7 and displayed the maneuverability of a jet plane that had experienced a flame-out.

Uhl drew a third foul and sophomore Sicking came off the bench.

Dick Baker, sports director of Cincinnati Station WSAI, doing play-by-play of the game, remarked later, "I felt this was it. Now Cincinnati would

run Dayton right off the floor."

A major portion of the 6688 fans jammed in the U.C. arena probably felt the same way, but someone forgot to tell Sicking. Horan hit a hook. Sicking then wheeled in a hook and followed by tapping a rebound through.

Dayton's Chris Harris hit a free throw and Jack Sallee two field goals. Seven times Sicking pushed the ball toward the basket for the Flyers in one stretch and six times the ball swished through the net.

The Bearcats were frozen into hibernation. From 16-7 Cincinnati, the score went to 25-16 Dayton—18 straight Flyer points—before the Bearcats scored again. Sicking had pumped not only hope but life into the Flyer machine.

Horan ran wild the second half jamming in 20 points to finish with 27,

high for both teams as Dayton won 80-69 but it was Sicking who had turned the tide.

Most of the time when a coach comes off the bench with a substitution, the smoothness leaves the team on the floor. This hasn't been true in the case of Sicking whose steady, heady play has kept the Flyers in high gear whenever he has taken over.

Big Al has been dubbed "Six-Point Sicking" for no matter how short a time he spends in a game he generally manages to come up with six points.

Sicking's chubby appearance belies his speed, mobility and aggression off the boards.

Dayton's individual rebound record for a single game is 26, held by Uhl. In the only game Sicking has played all the way the Flyer pivotman came off with 25 rebounds.



For the season Sicking hit almost 49 per cent of his shots displaying the best scoring touch any Flyer has exhibited since the days of Don (Monk) Meineke.

Yet Sicking has remained in the background. Even this season he'll be sharing acclaim with at least two other Flyers who fit the spectacular category. One, the 6'8" Keokee (Va.) Kangaroo, Jimmy Palmer, who often brilliant, often erratic, often brilliantly erratic, is probably collegiate basketball's greatest jumper now that Billy Russell of San Francisco has graduated.

The other is the Flyers' player-of-destiny, Bucky Bockhorn, exponent of the hanging jump shot.

But Sicking is destined to be a headliner. He has cut his teeth in the stiffest of competition. Dayton itself was runner-up in the NIT last season and four of the last nine teams in the NCAA play-offs were Flyer victims.

Strongest and toughest of the centers Sicking tangled with was Charley Tyra of Louisville. He does a lot of things well. Jerry Bird of Kentucky was the fastest and Frank Tartaron of Xavier is going to be real good, but Tyra is the best all around center.

With the exception of Meineke, Flyer centers have never played too well in Madison Square Garden. Sicking may break the jinx. The Garden doesn't bother Sicking.

The big senior accounting student, who admits he likes to eat and sleep, is of a relaxed nature. No courts, no teams bother him. He just likes to play . . . and win.

For two seasons then, during which time Dayton won 50 of 58 games, Sicking for the most part, has been in the background. Ever present, lacking perhaps the flashing brilliance of diamond but, whenever on display, revealing the steady, eye-attracting lustre of a pearl.

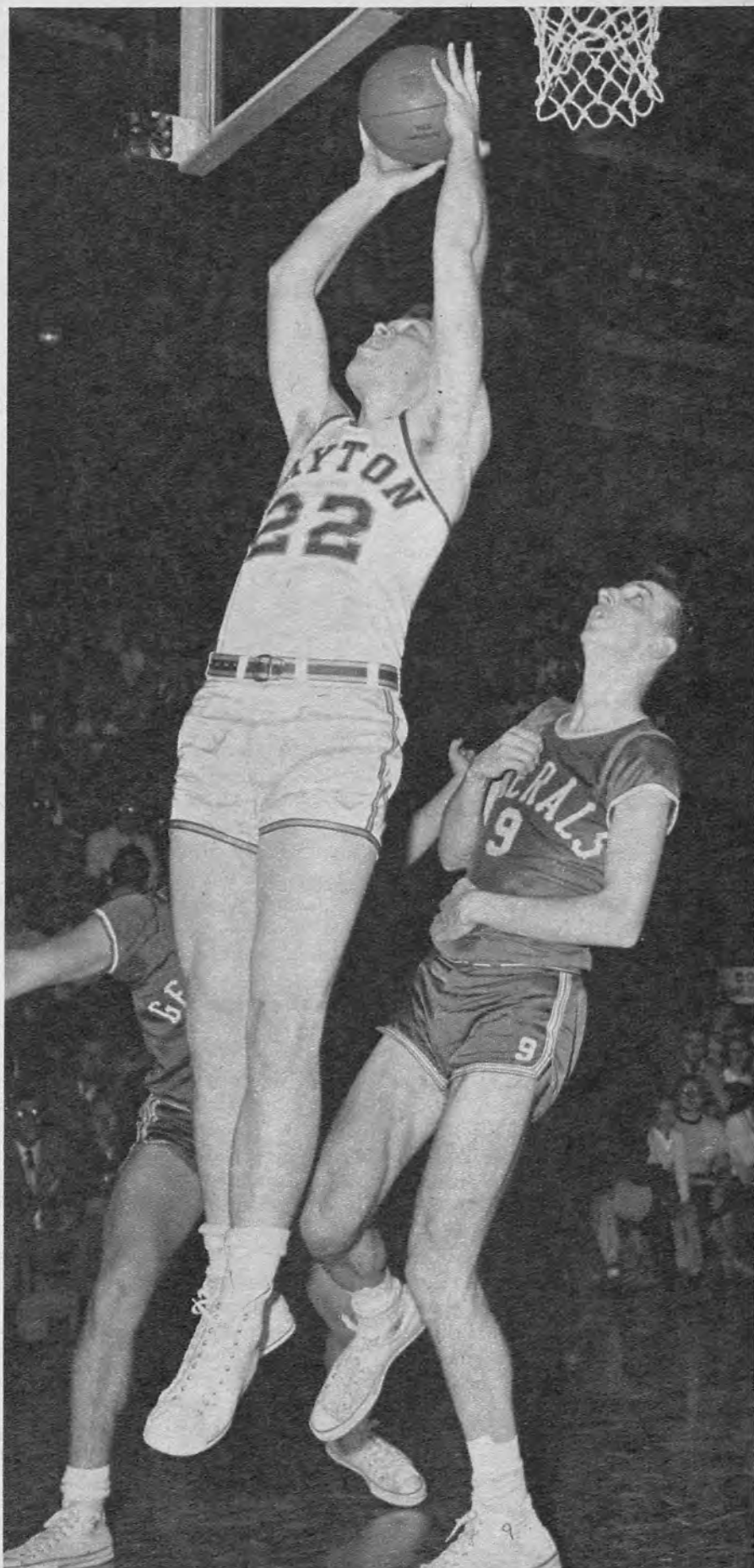
A pearl in a seldom opened oyster.

In collegiate athletics the player who reaches his senior year without having been a first stringer generally continues in the role of a "spot" player serving his team as best he can at infrequent intervals.

Such is not the case of Albie Sicking, for his is a strange one, upsetting the usual stead formula followed in collegiate athletics.

Coach Tommy Blackburn unhinges the oyster for good this winter and in one season, Al Sicking, comparatively unknown, is destined to become a basketball headliner.

THE END



Washington & Lee's Barry Storick (9), looks forlorn as Al Sicking (22) goes up to register basket for Dayton. Sicking stands 6-6, and weighs 225 lbs.



**CHARLIE BURKE**

# AN "OFFICIAL" OPINION

by **CHARLIE BURKE**

Here is a run-down on new court rules for the 1957 season, and how they will affect the game as expressed by a former outstanding basketball official, well qualified to comment.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Charlie Burke has a background of 30 years as a basketball official. The author's sports career dates back to when he was a star player on the Missouri Valley College cage team. Besides officiating at high school and college games, Mr. Burke officiated games in many foreign countries. Now retired, he is sales manager of Wilson Sporting Goods Company's Kansas City branch office.

**E**NJOYING now, since my retirement as a basketball official, a state of relaxation prior to the start of every basketball season, I feel completely at ease in expressing my thoughts on the coming 1956-57 basketball season. With my game appearances confined strictly to the role of a spectator, I now become one of the crowd—but at each game I attend I still find myself imbued with the same pulse-quickening, heart pounding, and shouting sensations that each and every person sitting with me in the stands experiences.

"Does it feel better to be sitting up here in the stands than it did to be down there on the floor refereeing" is a question I have been asked many times. It is also one to which I have never been able to satisfactorily answer, because at times I have experienced a desire to again pick up the whistle. But, I must also confess that it soon vanishes when I realize how much I enjoy the comforts afforded by my spectator status.

Actually, I do not wish to decry the work of basketball officials, as I thoroughly enjoyed it during my years of officiating. I still feel, however, that many people do not appreciate the great amount of work required of a basketball game official, but I will not elaborate on this statement any further.

In thinking about the rules changes for 1957, I would say that Section 11 of Rule 9 of the NCAA Official Basketball Rules Book appears to have the greatest change. Prior to this year, the rule dealt only with violations for defensive "goal tending," but the 1957 rules also cover offensive "goal tend-

ing." The great Bob Kurland, who at the time was playing for Oklahoma A & M, was mainly responsible, I believe, for the creation of the rule against defensive "goal tending" in the rule book. Until the seven foot Kurland, who, incidentally, substantiated his claim of being one of the really "great" players by perfecting his timing to the point where he could deflect the ball away from his defensive basket on its downward flight, there had been no necessity for the creation and adoption of such a rule.

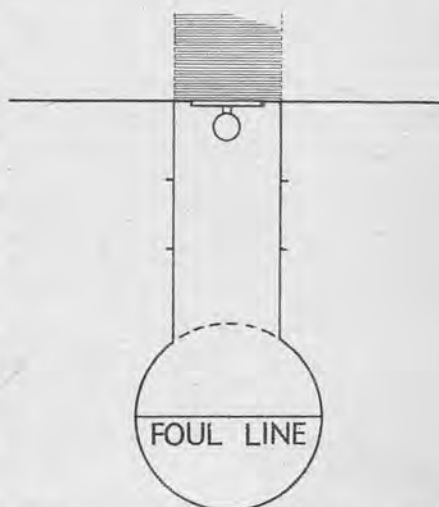
Undoubtedly, when this rule change was made to cover offensive "goal tending" at the conclusion of the 1956 season, the rules committee had in mind the tremendous ability of a few of the taller players, namely the great Bill Russell of the University of San Francisco and the fabulous Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain, the seven footer from the University of Kansas. These two players have timed their jumping to perfection so as to deflect errant shots by their teammates into the basket.

Insofar as this change is concerned, I am not inclined to believe that it will affect the game too much, since there are few players of the caliber of Russell and Chamberlain who have the physical qualifications to score in this manner. Neither do I think that this will invoke any additional hardship on the officials working the game, for the trailing official, who follows the flight of the ball, will undoubtedly be required to make the call. I say this because he is not usually as busy as the front official working beneath the basket, and can handle the call as he has for years handled the regulations

on knocking the ball out of the basket or off the rim.

The rules committee has not discriminated against tall players with this exceptional ability, however, since they can still guide the ball rebounding off the rim into the basket, for the downward flight of the ball ends when it touches the rim.

Another rule change was made in section 5 of Rule 7 to prohibit any throw-in from out-of-bounds in the area between extensions of the free throw lane. To illustrate this more clearly, the prohibited area for the throw-in is the shaded area shown on the illustration appearing below.



Many of the teams having taller players were anticipating the rule relative to offensive "goal tending," and as a means of combating it, were throwing the ball over the back of the backboard on a throw-in, attempting to put it nearer the basket, so the taller player could merely tap it in for two points. The further contention was that



this was merely a throw-in, and not an attempt at the basket. The University of San Francisco in particular, with the indomitable Mr. Russell playing a major role, employed this tactic very successfully a great number of times during its years as a reigning court power.

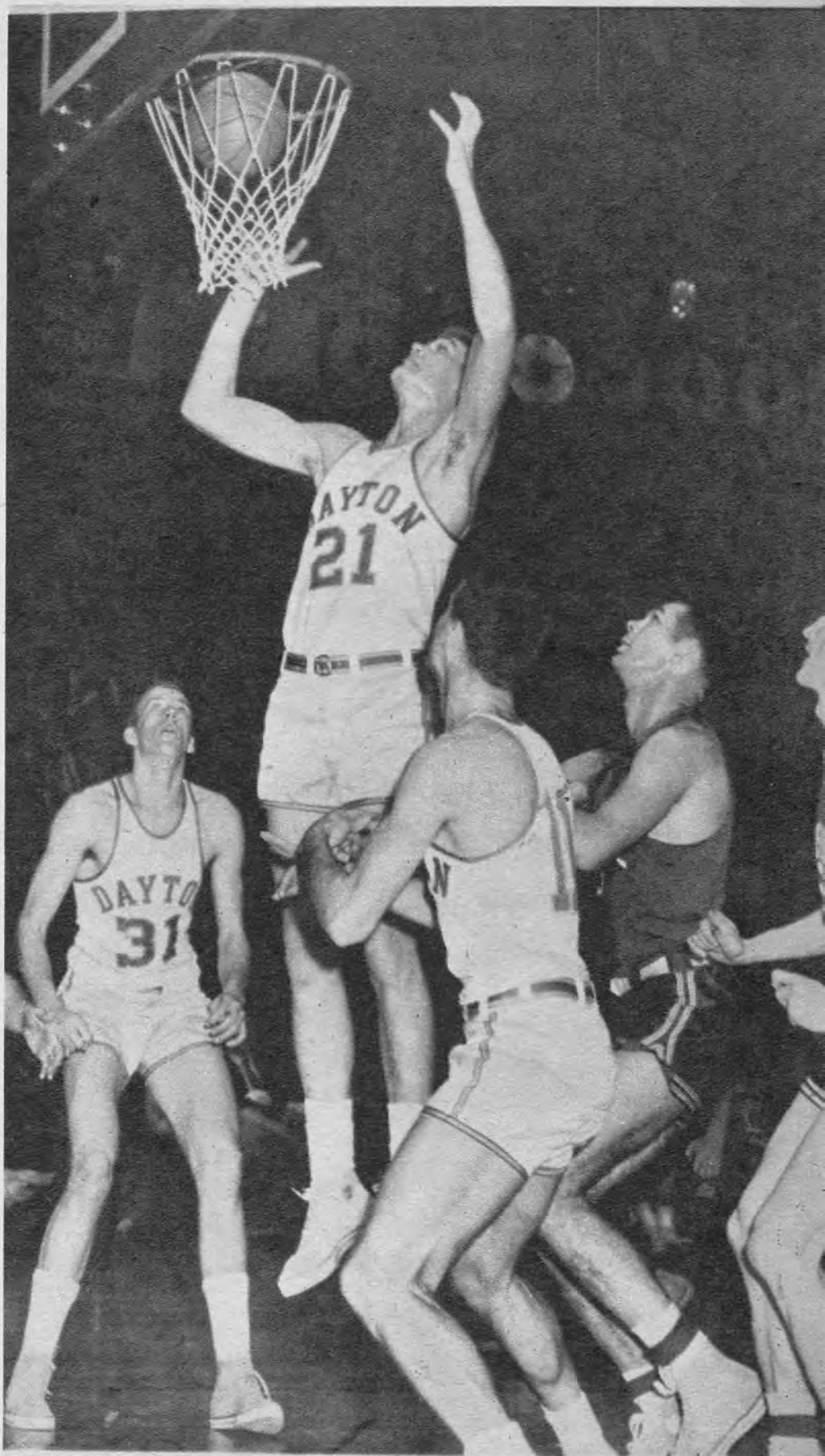
It is true, however, that the ball can be thrown close to the offensive team's basket by a member of the offensive team from out-of-bounds, either from the side lines or from any place along the end lines of the court on the area outside of the free throw land extensions. The throw-in, though, will not be as accurate if it were thrown from directly behind the basket.

Neither do I feel that rule changes will have any effect on the scoring in the modern game of today. In a recent article that I read I noted that the average total points scored in Big Ten basketball games for the basketball season of 1945-46 had been 99.6 points, whereas ten years later, for the 1955-56 season, the average total points scored 155.9 points. All will agree, I think, that this is quite an increase—but one that has been responsible for a much faster and more exciting game, particularly from the spectator standpoint.

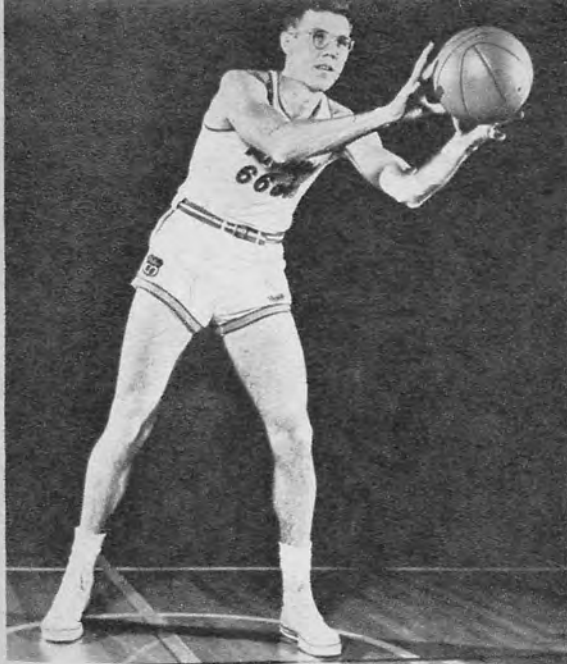
From the basketball official's viewpoint, I am glad to see the change made in their uniform dress. Prior to the 1957 season, the official dress of the "whistle tooters" in intersectional inter-collegiate games was the black and white striped long sleeved broadcloth shirt, black or navy blue slacks, black belt and black shoes. For 1957, however, the comfort of the hard-working basketball official has been taken into consideration with the adoption of a new shirt. The shirt is a knit short-sleeved black and white striped shirt with ribbed sleeve ends and a ribbed waist band suitable for wearing outside. Believe me when I say it is an improvement in dress that many officials will appreciate tremendously because of its cooler features.

I will refrain from making my personal choices for the cage powers who will dominate the 1956-57 cage season, but whirlwind action throughout the nation on the thousands of basketball courts will provide all the action and thrills basketball spectators will require. As for me, I'll be happy in the thought that I'll be sitting in the stands enjoying the game as one of those spectators.

THE END



During '56 N.I.T. tourney game Dayton's Jim Palmer (31) fired wild shot at basket, and before ball rebounded off rim Bill Uhl (21) went up high and funneled ball into net. Others in photo are Jim Paxson (11) and Louisville's Charlie Tyra (dark jersey). This kind of offense goal tending is now against the rules.



Chuck Darling, Phillips 66



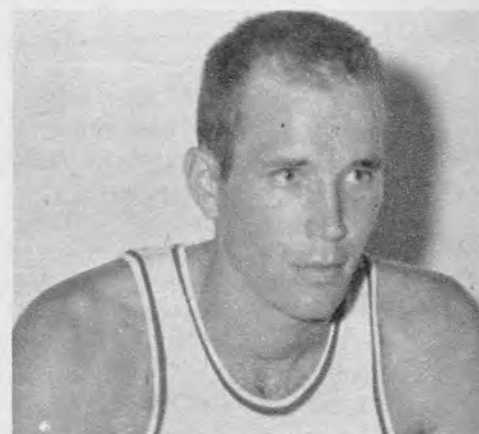
Burdy Haldorson, Phillips 66



Bill Houghland, Phillips 66

## **U.S.A. OLYMPIC BASKETBALL TEAM**

From the best teams in A.A.U., Armed Service and college basketball Uncle Sam picked a squad of star-spangled athletes to represent the United States in the 1956 Olympic Games. And, the team's two coaches have outstanding records for winning.



Bill Evans, USAF



K. C. Jones, U. of San Francisco

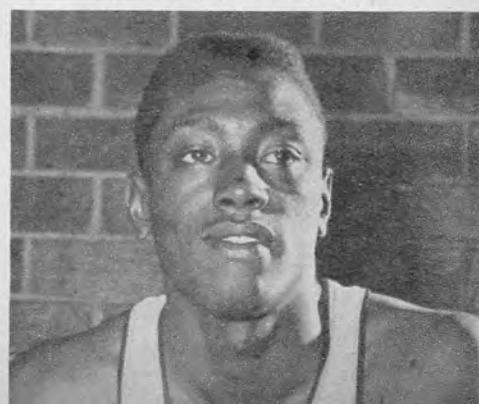
Carl Cain, University of Iowa



Gerald Tucker, head U.S. Olympic cage team coach, coaches powerful Phillips 66ers, 1956 AAU champs.



Assistant Olympic cage team coach Bruce Drake is the head basketball coach at the University of Oklahoma.



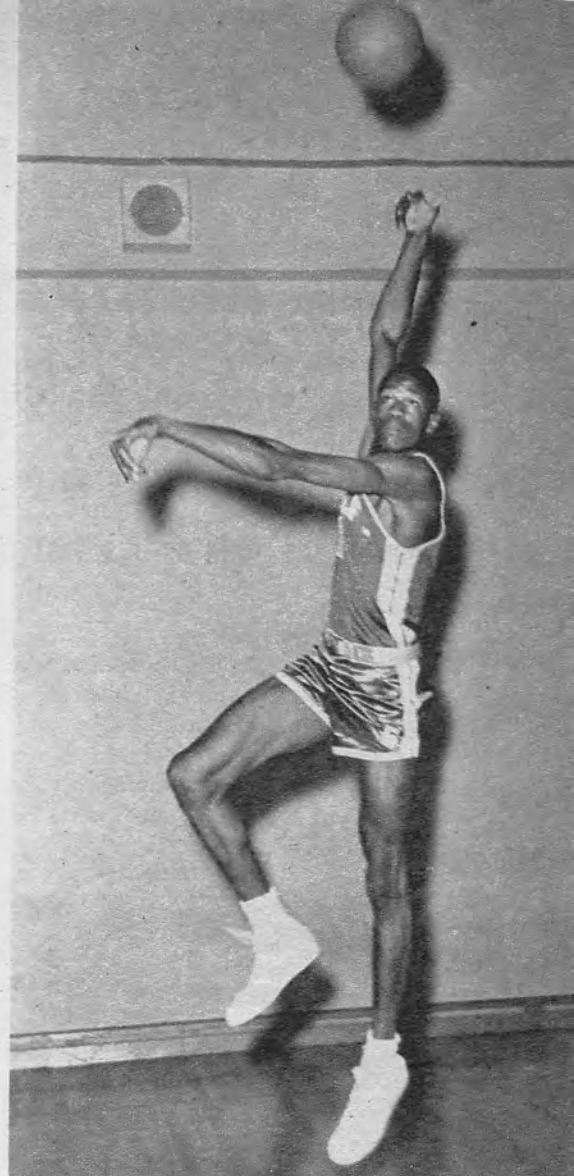




Jim Walsh, Phillips 66



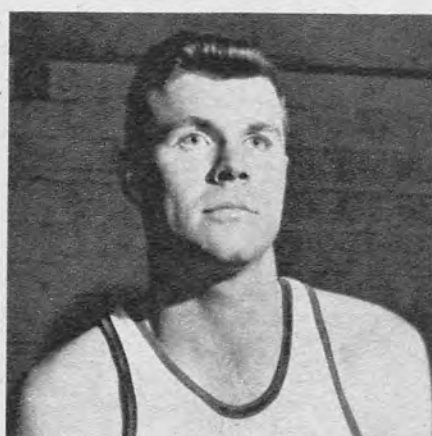
Bob Jeangerard, Phillips 66



Bill Russell, U. of San Francisco



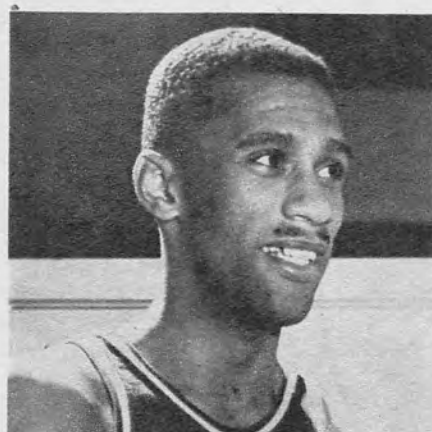
Gib Ford, USAF



Dick Boushka, Seattle Buchans



Ron Tomsic, USAF



Hal Lear, Temple Univ.



Willie Naulls, UCLA

Terry Rand, Marquette Univ.

Chuck Koon, Seattle Buchans

(L) Joe Dean, Phillips 66.  
(R) Ray Warren, USAF.



# The BARNUM of BASKETBALL

by MARCUS GREENSTEIN

Frank Keaney will long be remembered for his showmanship and humor, as well as his fast-breaking U. of Rhode Island teams.

THE Univ. of Rhode Island, where today's race-horse basketball was devised two decades ago, said good-bye to its super salesman, Frank Keaney, who retired upon attaining his three score ten. Since the June 3 party came

on the eve of his 70th birthday, they wheeled out a massive cake that listed the figures for the five sports he coached in the first 28 years of his 36 years at Kingston, plus the total wins and losses. To assure the permanence

of the affair, they took colored movies and stills of the dinner and presented such to the "Old Man," as he was affectionately called.

It was as gala an occasion as any coach would want. Members from all 82 teams he coached since 1920 were in attendance, including numerous coaches against whom he matched wits for years, referees, frustrated athletes, etc. Some even indulged in the inimitable vocabulary that Keaney devised as he exhorted his athletes to countless victories. "Fried banana," "Bevy of belles," "Middy Bimbs," "shine up the dinner pail," each of which had its distinctive meaning and became the vernacular of co-eds and faculty members alike, recalled pleasant memories. Speakers pointed out that when he coached all five sports in the early twenties, Keaney was hailed as "the greatest one-man coaching staff in the country." Others, like Doggie Julian of Dartmouth, pointed out that "The Menty" was first damned, then praised, for making basketball what it is today.

During the mid-thirties, when some teams were so slow that fans were able to run out for a smoke and return before losing much, Keaney's teams were hailed as wonders for averaging a "point a minute." By the time rival coaches got wise to his fast break, Keaney's Rams were prancing at a "two points per minute" gait. They even exceeded century scores so often that out of state newspapers no longer were headlining the event.

It would be difficult to find a more colorful coach than Frank Keaney, for stories of him are legion. There was the



FRANK W.  
KEANEY



SOMETIMES HIS TRICKS BACKFIRED. STARTED HIS SMALLEST JUMP CENTER AGAINST DE PAULS GFT OIN. GEORGE MIKAN... ALL-AMERICA GEORGE TALLIED 53 TO BURY RHODE ISLAND!



KEANEY IN FOOTBALL AS IN BASKETBALL RESORTED TO RAZZLE DAZZLE... HE WANTED HIS PLAYERS TO CATCH THE OPPONENTS OFF GUARD.

FRANK KEANEY  
REVOLUTIONIZED  
BASKETBALL...



HE FASHIONED WHAT IS KNOWN AS "RACE HORSE BASKETBALL" FEATURING A POINT A MINUTE.



A KEEN STUDENT OF PSYCHOLOGY HE KNEW WHAT PLAYERS TO BAWL OUT, WHOM TO SPEAK TO LIKE A FATHER AND HOW TO ENCOURAGE THE TIMID.



occasion when Maine went into the deep freeze to keep the score to less than 50, whereupon, by pre-arrangement, Rhode Island players remained at midcourt as one fellow played "Silent Night" on the harmonica. Subs on the bench whipped out newspapers and read comics.

Keaney was such a nervous fellow that many fans largely came to watch him squirm and itch on the bench. Artie Gore, the National League umpire, likes to relate the first game he ever worked for him. He debated whether he should accept the assignment because of stories he had heard of him over the years. Anyway, he finally gave in.

In this particular contest, Rhode Island was having an off-night. At one point when things were going too well, Gore made a call against the home team and there was a cry of protest. Just as Artie was bending down to pick up the ball and walk down to the foul line for the ensuing free throw, he heard an awful bellow from a familiar source. "Manager! Manager! Chase that dirty dog out of this gym and don't ever let me see his face in here again."

Gore froze in his tracks, "Sure enough," he muttered to himself. "Serves me right. I should have listened to what I was told." Figuring that he might as well make the best of the situation, Gore recovered sufficiently to continue to the free throw line, whereupon he turned around and lo, and behold, he got the surprise of his life.

There, on the other end of the court was a frustrated bespectacled manager, striving to drag off the floor Dracula, a familiar figure on the campus, a big, ugly looking, jet-black dog, almost the size of a St. Bernard.

Then there was the Worcester Tech game of 1937 which provided an incident that Keaney enjoyed relating upon himself on the banquet circuit—in his inimitable style of hanging participles, original sayings, hesitations and the like that made him a popular speaker. Rhode Island was playing Worcester Tech just before the Christmas holidays and the game was much closer than many had figured. In the final minute of play, Keaney rushed in a sub with explicit orders that the boys should hold on to the ball to protect the one-point lead. However, there was an inexperienced sophomore, Robert Elliot, of Portland, Me., who already had nine points and he must have figured that 11 alongside of his

name in the Sunday papers would look better. Anyway, the moment he got the ball, he made a wild shot, Tech recovered and dashed down the court, scored and won, 38-37.

Keaney was furious. He sailed into Elliot. He told him that he would refuse to permit him out for the team unless he had the college physician examine and pass upon his mental and physical make-up. To be honest, Keaney soon cooled off and never gave the incident further thought.

Early in January, while the early arrivals were warming up in the gym, Keaney was tending to some last-minute duties in his office when in walked Elliot, with a slip. He read it: "This is to state that as of this date, I have examined Mr. Robert Elliot and have found him to be mentally and physically sound. (signed) Henry B. Potter, M.D., College Physician."

Keaney looked up in a smile, whereupon Bob said: "Now see if *YOU* can get one!"

The best thought happened in one of his last years of coaching. While preparing his Rams for a National Invitation Tournament game at Madison Square Garden, Keaney sent out a notice that he would welcome at practice all the pipe, cigaret and cigar smokers in South County. In fact, ash trays and spittoons would be provided. The cheaper the tobacco, the more welcome would the smokers be. He also provided smudge pots to make Rodman Hall gym as odoriferous as possible.

"Keaney's finally flipped his lid," commended the swamp Yanks from nearby Wakefield, Peace Dale and Osquepaugh. "Yep, I always said this blasted game would eventually take him," added another country pumpkin.

There was something behind this queerest edict of tobacco-hating Keaney. In earlier years, his running game occasionally was slowed down by the smoke of Madison Square Garden. This time he figured he would do two things in one shot—get his players accustomed to the smoke commonly found in public buildings, and, secondly, put his players in the proper psychological frame of mind.

When Rhode Island first went in for high scores in the mid-thirties, Keaney was criticized by coaches, newspapermen and fans alike. These "theorists," as he personally called them, charged that his players would all die of weak hearts. Some said that he was taking the science out of the game. Others claimed that he had no system what-

soever. However, time proved all these cynics wrong. His players were capable of maintaining a speedy 40-minute game because they were superbly conditioned. Secondly, there was more science to his game than appeared on the surface. If one really dissected his "helter-skelter" game, he would find that the players conformed to a definite pattern, in fact, they simplified matters for themselves in forcing the opponents to forget their own game, attempt to imitate Rhode Island's and eventually lose. In due time, most all coaches fell into line under penalty of losing games—and fans.

A pioneer in charting every shot and move made in a game, Keaney studied the figures of each game to come up with some sensational discoveries. First, the team that shot more usually scored more points and won—the shooting percentage, as a rule, staying the same. He taught his boys to fire away on the dead run. When they so scored, some thought they were merely lucky. They forced their foes to commit mistakes as they hounded them all over the court. To get the split-second advantage for a fast break, the guards were taught to follow up a rebound with a baseball pass the length of the court—the receiver catching and throwing up the ball while in mid-air. It was Keaney's contention that his material was inferior to rival colleges and the only way he could offset it was by running the opposition into the ground.

Wherever his Rhode Island team played they appeared before turn-away throngs. New Yorkers were dubious about all they read about his Rams until they made their debut in Madison Square Garden in 1941. When a half dozen records fell in their wake, they went to the other extreme and hailed them as the finest.

Keaney sure had a fabulous coaching record. The new million dollar gym at Rhode Island is named for him. He's been elected to the Helms Foundation basketball "Hall of Fame." Coaching other sports at first, he gradually dropped to one, basketball, as his other duties increased. In all sports, he had 82 teams that won 683, lost 309, tied 14 games. His best sport, however, was basketball and here the figures show 401 wins, 124 losses.

There will be coaches who have or will win more games, but none will ever equal his color and the impression he's left on basketball.

THE END

# "Visibility



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Easier visibility of ball for players, officials and fans now made possible by approval and usage of the new bright yellow basketball.

**T**HERE were at least two bright spots for members of the University of Redlands' basketball team last season.

First off, Coach Lee Fulmer's Bulldogs shared the championship of the hotly-contested Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's cage chase, and secondly, the circuit became the first college loop ever to play its games with the bright yellow Voit rubber-covered basketball.

The conference, comprised of Redlands, Occidental College, Whittier College, Pomona-C Claremont and the California Institute of Technology, used the ball from the season's opening tip-off to the final gun and all concerned—players, coaches and fans—hailed the improved visibility.

In their battle for the SCIAC crown, the Bulldogs won seven and lost but one. They clicked on a creditable 39%

of their field goal attempts and banged home 66.9% of their free shots.

Fulmer's squad showed both offensive and defensive balance, averaging 64.5 points through the overall 28-game season and holding their foes to an average of 62 points per, a good record in these days of 100-point plus basketball scores.

How did the Redlands' players react to this golden basketball, the newest development of the W. J. Voit Rubber Corp. of Los Angeles?

"They seemed to prefer it from the beginning," Fulmer replied. "The color seemed to attract them. They were pleased with the feel and grip of the rubber-covered balls and the ease with which the ball handled and ball control was assured. They noted no noticeable difference in dribbling, shooting or re-bouncing. The shooting statistics with the rubber-covered ball and the leather ball, which was used in many of the non-conference games, showed no appreciable difference.

Fulmer also expressed surprise over the manner in which the rubber-covered balls kept their "new" look.

"It was really a revelation when the balls were cleaned for the first time," Fulmer explained. "A mild soap and a small scrubbing brush were used and they quickly erased the dirt and film and brought out the pebble grain again.

"The cost of the ball and its durability are already making themselves evident in our budget for next season as the balls we had this year are in excellent shape for use again this fall. We found that a game ball may be used for several contests without detracting from its 'new' look."

Redlands is quite a basketball-minded institution. In addition to be-



Univ. of Redlands Coach Lee Fulmer discusses game strategy with (L. to R.) Perkins, Endeman, Stevenson, Cook and Holt. This was the starting five for Redlands last season, and helped Bulldogs win a share of the SCIAC title.



ing a yearly threat in the SCIAC, the University always kicks off the season for the smaller colleges in Southern California with an annual Invitational Tournament. This traditional event is one of the cage season's highlights in the Southland area.

As far as Fulmer knows, the SCIAC was the first college loop to utilize the yellow ball, but the pros were quick to recognize its crowd-pleasing characteristics.

The golden ball is used by the Harlem Magicians of Goose Tatum and Marques Haynes; the Texas Cowgirls, the Indiana Professional Basketball Association, and the Harlem Clowns, to mention a few.

Fulmer himself sees nothing radical about the use of a yellow ball on a basketball floor.

The Redlands' coach noted that basketball's rulemakers have made several changes over the years, not only in the game itself, but in the actual physical layout.

The backboard, for example, may be either a solid or a transparent material and it may be two different shapes. The foul lines have been changed and switches in the free-shooting regulations are almost a yearly occurrence.

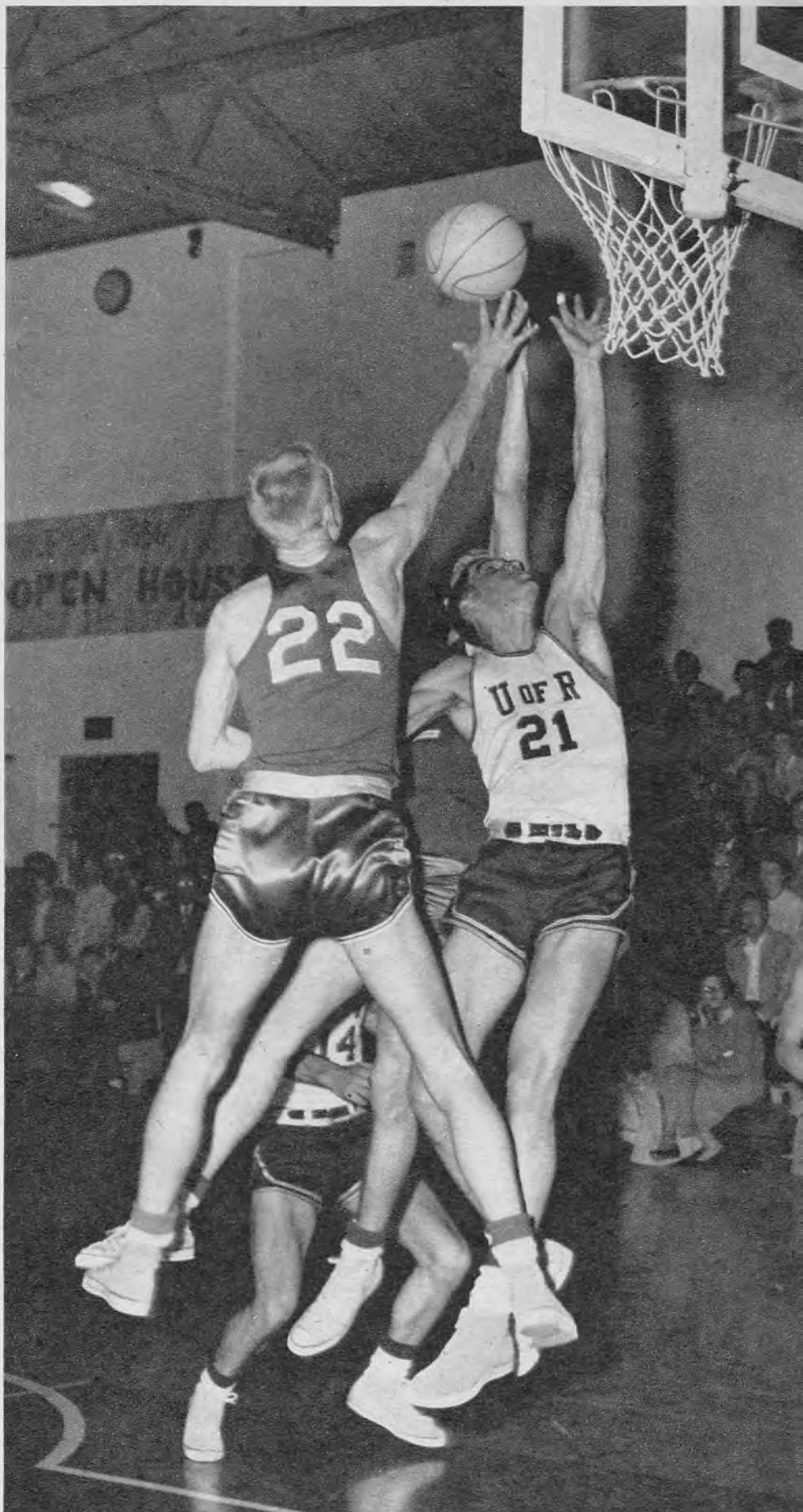
So when coaches requested a different colored ball for improved visibility, they were only following the game's oft-demonstrated desire for improvement and experimentation.

At the last meeting of the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada, the organization voted to allow rubber-covered basketballs meeting proper specifications to be official for game play in all high school and YMCA competition across the nation, beginning with the 1956-57 season.

Since rubber-covered balls were not approved for collegiate competition until the end of the 1951-52 season when the NCAA took action, it's quickly apparent how rapidly the balls made their mark, so to speak.

Naturally, the rulemakers wouldn't have changed the regulations if the leather and rubber-covered balls reacted differently. But both are similar in performance, shape, size, inflation and other specifications. The only difference is that the rubber-covered casabas last about six times as long, an important factor to the high schools, YMCA's and small colleges whose slim budgets force them to exercise more economy than the larger institutions.

THE END



Redlands' Stevenson (21) goes up with two Pasadena Nazarene players to block shot. Note how vividly yellow ball stands out even in black and white photo.

# COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

by ED SCHNEIDER

**Intense intersectional rivalries, and more tournaments than ever before are going to make the 1956-57 cage season best on record for fans. And, there will be quite a number of surprises!**

**W**HO are the stars—which are the better teams, the champions—will San Francisco stay on top—how about Kentucky, and Kansas with Chamberlain?

These are the questions the most rabid of sport fans, the followers of basketball, ask as another season unveils. Naturally San Francisco's Dons come in a lot on the talks, but Bill Russell is gone—and does that make the big difference? Chamberlain, the 7 foot stilt from Philadelphia, is boosting Kansas way up there off his freshman record when he and his teammates pushed around Phog Allen's last court representatives. And the varsity never likes to undergo an ordeal like that.

What happened to Iowa—how many are back this season? Well, look to Illinois to succeed where they narrowly missed last season before the Hawkeyes.

And the Pacific Coast race—will all these rulings have any influence on basketball, as it did in football?

A lot of these questions cannot be answered too well before the actual competition gets underway. Many teams look very good on paper, but when it comes to playing the game, that's another situation. And a lot of clubs, which look poor in practice and seemingly have nothing, suddenly catch fire and win. And therein come and go championships. But over the long run it is the consistent performers who win titles and you have to have material to produce.

This promises to be another fine season in all sections of the country. There will be some disappointments, naturally, but a lot of unexpected thrills and victories.

Who looks good now?

Let's take Kansas, Illinois, Southern Methodist, North Carolina, West Virginia, Kentucky, Louisville, Oregon State, California, Dartmouth, Canisius, and some Eastern independents like Temple, Georgetown, Syracuse and Seton Hall. That's a good batch and chances are their records will be

matched by some others—if the boys produce and catch fire when needed. These teams have the potential; the rest is up to the boys.

San Francisco? Yep, they'll be all right, but it won't be another undefeated season. Might win the association title out there, but we'll have to go along with a lot of other self-styled experts and put the pressure on Kansas and Chamberlain for N.C.A.A. honors.

Don't forget this is the season the N.C.A.A. inaugurates its small college tournament a week before the big brothers get together for the final showdown in Kansas City. So there will be two N.C.A.A. champs, but Kansas ought to be able to be the big No. 1.

Let's break it down a bit, and you take your choice:

## THE EAST

What well could be one of the best races in the nation should be the Ivy league chase for honors now held by Dartmouth. The general consensus is Dartmouth and Yale running neck and neck, with Princeton and Columbia just a neck behind. With that prediction, it is evident that here, almost more than in any other section, such intangibles as injuries and scholastic difficulties, may be the deciding factors.

What's Dartmouth got to get rave notices? Well, not a bad setup anyway you look at it. There's Forward Ron Judson, who set a school game record of 37 points against Brown, tied the varsity mark of 13 free throws against Columbia, and scored 240 in 14 league games, the most ever made by a Dartmouth player. And there's Center Jim Francis, who took the season scoring title for the second straight year with 435 points. Plus Dave Garruthers and Gene Booth and Tom Donahoe and Larry Blades, all of whom played in a minimum of 26 games.

Yale comes up with John Lee, leading Ivy scorer last season as a sophomore, and another top performer in Center Ed Robinson, both operating

under a new head coach from Minnesota, Joe Vancisin. Then consider Dean Loucks, the Eli quarterback, who has had two campaigns as a cage guard and is a rugged man in the back court. Lee averaged 40.5 minutes of playing time per game, taking part in the five overtime battle with Princeton to build up his playing time. If Nolen Baird returns to the cage wars, Yale is in good condition to succeed Dartmouth.

Princeton's team is built around Dave Fulcomer, 6-7 junior who set an Ivy rebounding record last season while averaging 16.9 recoveries per game and who led the team with 348 points. Don Davidson, 6-5, returns as captain, set on improving his free throw mark of 78 out of 99 for 78.8 per cent and a total of 300 points. Coach Cappy Cappon also has returning regulars in 6-3 Ken MacKenzie, now a senior, and junior Fred Perkins, the team's third high scorer and 5-10 play maker.

Columbia has four good veterans, Guards Chet Forte and Ted Dwyer, Center Rudy Milkey, and Forward Bob Lehner. Three sophomores who are expected to move into top positions are Guard Harold Kaplan and Center-Forwards Ted Harvin and Phil Matthews.

Harvard figures to be stronger although lacking overall height and an outstanding scorer. Eight lettermen return but only Bob Canty, leading scorer with 329 points, and Phil Haughey are 6-4, the tallest. Sophs to watch are Bryant Danner and Griff McClellan.

Penn is in almost the same situation, with Dick Csencsitz, at 6-4, the tallest—as Jack McCloskey, regular guard in 1943, moves up from the assistant's post to head coach successor to Ray Stanley. The other lettermen were reserves, with only Alex DeLucia capable of making a first string berth. The others are Howard Gathright and Gerry Nensel.

Cornell's prospects are just fair with the loss of Chuck Rolles, a 23 point



game scorer, and Dick Meade, leading play maker the last two seasons. Irv Roberson, 6-1, helps on defense under the boards and is the best returning scorer with 14.9 average for 24 games. Aiding him will be Frank Mead, 6-6 sophomore, while another frosh grad, Lou Jordan, 6 footer, will be in the back court with the title of Cornell's freshman scoring record with a 26.2 average. Experience, although limited, will be afforded by Larry Pearson, Chuck Robinson, Phil Monroe and Phil Marriett.

Manhattan looks good with everybody back plus two very fine sophomores in Don McGorty, 6-1, and Mickey Burkoski, 6-4. McGorty broke the freshman scoring record with 443 points in 20 games, and should fit in with the scoring punch provided by Angelo Lombardo, who was good for a 19.8 game average last season; Gerry Paulson, 17.5; John Powers, 17, and John O'Connor, 11.9. Only 6 foot 2 inch Powers is a junior, the others returning for their final campaign. Also bringing back 6 foot 4 inch material as a senior with Lombardo is Bob Murphy while Paulson is 6-3 like Bob Joseph and Dan Martinsen. O'Connor is 5-10, an inch under another senior, Tom Cavanaugh. Juniors Howard Pierson, John Clegg and Powers are, respectively, 6, 6-1, and 6-2.

St. Francis of Brooklyn is the team to beat as defending Metropolitan New York area champions and opinions vary as to whether the Terriers will be as strong as last year or not. Al Inniss, now a 6-7 junior, is back with 6-6 Walter Adamushko, 5-11 Tony D'Elia, and 6 Les Yellin playing together for their third year (there was no frosh rule in effect when they started).

That 21-4 record last year for Metropolitan title, fourth place in the National Invitational tournament, and the Middle Eastern College conference crown, brought happiness.

Fordham has been trying to bolster its backboard game which was one of the prime reasons the sophomores of last year failed to live up to their high pre-season billing. Fred Wagner should fill in to bolster the backboard play. Veterans back include Capt. Ron Kuehn, Don Haig, Bill Lyons, Ed Bugniazet, Mick Cushman, Steve Sarafeld and Wagner, so Fordham is not in a position to cause tears to flow freely.

Howard Cann starts his 34th season with the same starting New York university team that won five out of the last six games last year: Jimmy Nidds

(6), the playmaker, and Art Tierney (6-4) at forwards; Leroy Halpern (6-5) at center, and Guards Bill Shelley and Tom DeLuca (both 5-11). All are seniors.

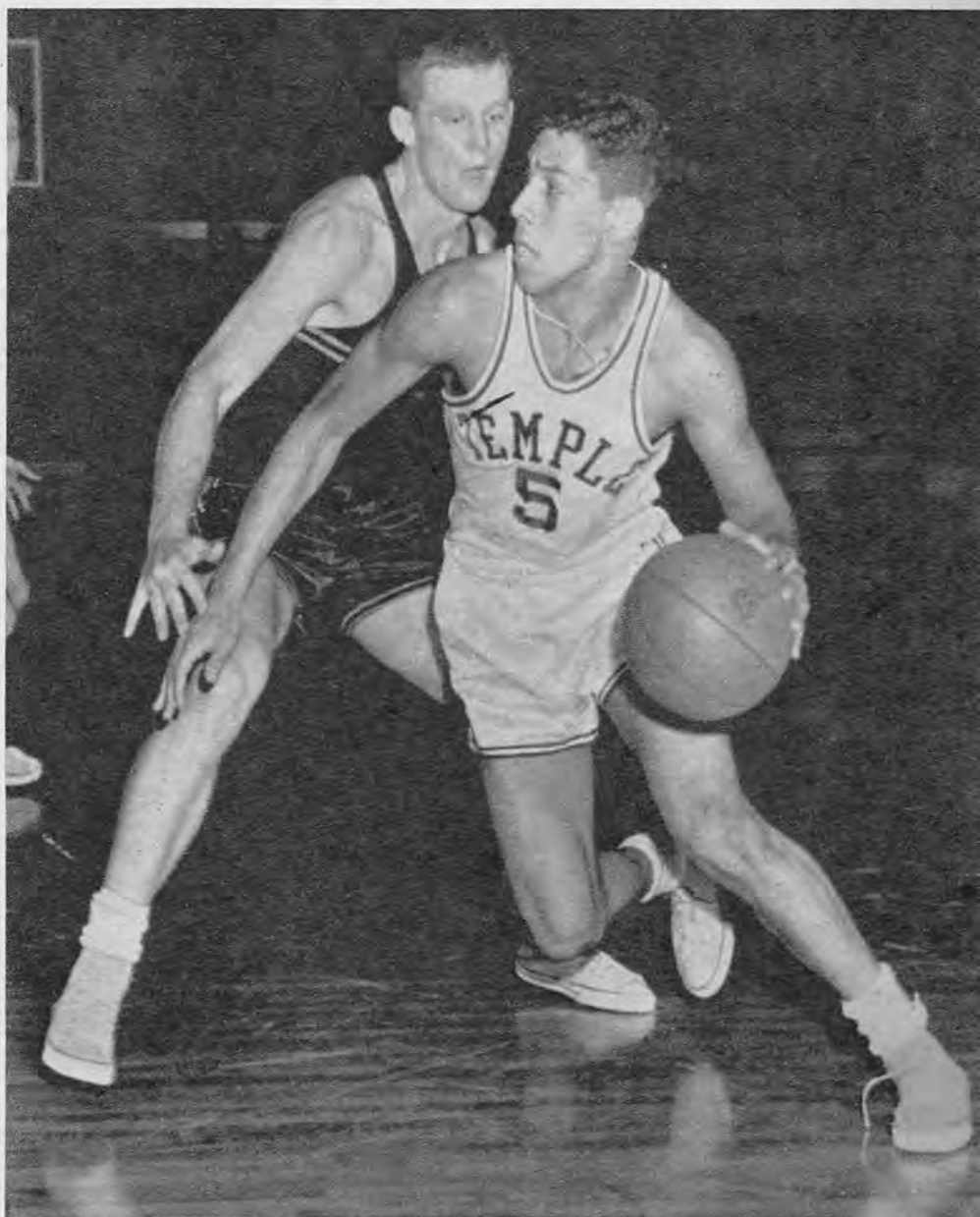
St. John's Redmen should improve on their 12-12 record of last season with five of the top six scorers back in Mike Parenti (6-7), Dick Duckett (6-1), Bill Chrystal (6-5), Bill Cowley (6-3) and Walt Brady (5-11). In that same order, the veterans scored 531, 344, 310, 190 and 127 points, Brady coming in sixth behind Dick Grogan's 145. The scoring punch is there with bright prospects from an undefeated freshman team which won 21 games.

Three of the East's better teams well could be in the Western New York

Little Three representatives, Niagara, Canisius and St. Bonaventure. Canisius carries on with a nucleus from its N.C.A.A. Eastern regional finalist squad in Hank Nowak, 6-3, at forward for the third straight year; Joe Leone, 6-5, at center, also a third year regular and a defensive star, and Dave Markey, 5-10 guard, the team's most aggressive player.

Niagara's Taps Gallagher has built his plans around last year's sophomore back court combine, Jim Maloney and Tom Mulroy, and center Alex Willis, 6-5, who was good for 15 points a game. Taps' coaching job, therefore, has been to replace forwards Tom Hemans and Nelson Osa and he has been

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John Devoe, of Princeton, moves in to try to stop Temple's Guy Rodgers who is dribbling toward basket. Guy got by John alright, and went on to score,

working with Bob Sawyer, 6-2 junior who subbed last season; Tom Precht, 6-6 senior who started a few games with Sawyer; Bob Vereb, 6-1 junior with limited experience, and Capt. Clem Worosz, 6-1½ who previously has been at guard.

St. Bonaventure is not in too bad shape despite the loss of Gerry Schlee, leading rebounder for three campaigns; Jimmy Crough, also a good board man, and Bob Clark. Back are Brendan McCann, leading scorer with a 16 plus average last year; Larry Weise, speedy junior guard, and Ernie Rokose, runnerup in the 1955-56 scoring race. Only sure starter is McCann, a senior who paced the defense and offense last year. John Connors, 6-6, and Gerry Olshefski, 6-5, are the vets with height.

Temple is on the spot, off its third place in last year's N.C.A.A. tournament finals at Northwestern university. And the Owls are far from being downcast even though Hal Lear now is mentioned only in Temple's records. Guy Rodgers is in line to ascend to the Temple throne of individual greatness and he is the logical choice.

Other Temple holdovers include Dan Fleming (6-6) Tink Van Patton (6-8) and Jay Norman (6-3), the backboard line. Coach Harry Litwack figures that if Van Patton improves as expected, the fast break attack again will be Temple's forte. Other veterans include Bill Smith (6-4), Barry Goldstein (6), John Granozio, and Mel Brodsky.

Seton Hall figures to be improved and that means more trouble for a lot of eastern foes, including Temple in a home and home series. Three regulars are back for their third and final season, Dick Gaines, Marty Farrell and Charley Lorenzo (6-4) with Tom Cross regaining scholastic eligibility after a year's absence from his freshman starring role. With the 6 foot 9 inch Cross and the 6-7 Farrell, Coach Honey Russell has two good big men.

LaSalle is big and can have a really fine club, according to Coach Jim Pollard. A possible starting five can average 6-5; and four good veterans are back. But the urgent need is a floor leader. Senior Alonzo Lewis, at 6-3, the team's leading scorer, is back and Bill Katheder, 6-5 junior, returns to lead the rebounders who include Senior Wally Fredricks, 6-6, and Junior Ed Gavnish, 6-7. Charlie Eltringham, 6-4 junior, can fit in any spot desired and be a star. Juniors Tom Garberina, a 6

footer, and Bill McGonigal, 6-2, are in shape for back court duties.

Bill Crowley well sums up the picture at Holy Cross: No club can lose the likes of Tom Heinsohn, Joe Liebler, and Don Prohovich, three year varsity regulars, without being hurt, but there is no reason to believe the outlook is entirely black. Capt. George Wadleton (5-10½) will run the show and has the best scoring average of the returning vets, 12.7 per game. But Junior Joe Hughes (6-4) probably will get the spotlight with the experience he gained last season as a starting forward.

Army again will be limited to the old 6-4 height limit, but incoming plebes were permitted to add another two inches so there may be a change in West Point's basketball future, evident in another two or three years. In the meantime, Coach Orvis Sigler has lettermen in Gene Fisher, Don DeJardin, Bill Melnik, Bob McCoy and Bill Huckabee.

Navy's coach, Ben Carnevale, has the same height problem, naturally, but he has six lettermen, the five starters plus a reserve guard in Joe Sendek. Three of these are two year monogram men, Dave Smalley and Andy Dulik, guards, and George Bouvet as center, who was the star of last year's Army game with 29 points. At forward are Frank Petinos, leading scorer with a 19.9 game average, and Al Swanson.

Penn State's freshman team last season was rated the best in several years and that's a good omen, since Coach John Egli lost his three high scorers, Earl Fields, Rudy Marisa and Bobby Hoffman. There are enough veterans to let the sophs move into the picture gradually when they are ready. Old timers include Capt. Bob Leisher, Bob Ramsey, the 6-7 center, and forwards Steve Baidy and Ron Rainey.

Duquesne is still very much in the picture despite the absence of Si Green and Mickey Winograd. Sophomores Bernie Mathews, Red Ryan and Sonny Wilson have to battle to get past Seniors Dave Ricketts, Duke Schneider and Lou Severine, and Juniors Fritz Binder, Bill Celik, Bob DePalma, George Henry, Jim McLaughlin and Jack Sauer.

Connecticut reigns as the team to beat for the Yankee conference title, if simply for no other reason than the fact that the Huskies have won the crown for the last six seasons and eight out of the last nine campaigns [broken by Rhode Island in 1949-50]. Seven

of the returning nine Connecticut veterans appeared in 21 or more games last year, so there is enough experience to offset the untested sophomores. Coach Hugh Greer figures on size for the first time with Paul Kaspar, 6-4; Fran Quinn, 6-2; Jim O'Connor, 6-1; Bob Cherepy, 6-6½; Dick Kierman, 6-2, and Bill O'Leary, 6-5, all veterans, plus Al Cooper, 6-7; Wayne Davis, 6-5; Billy Schmidt, 6-6, and Larry Doyle, 6-2, sophomores.

Rhode Island has the only two returning members of last year's conference first team, Billy Von Weyhe, 6-4, and Ron Marozzi, a 6 footer. But that probably will be the extent of the Rams' offensive.

Maine looks for a betterment of last year's 6-12 record with Dudley Coyne, 5-11, leading the way.

Runner-up Massachusetts remembers its winningest record in history, a 17-6 mark, but five of the top six scorers have been graduated. Captain John Foley and John Edgar, both 6-2, are the two returning vets and Foley's shooting ability in particular will be appreciated.

Vermont is looking for a big man to help out on the scoring and backboard work and a lot depends on how well the sophomores progress.

## THE SOUTH

Kentucky again, who else in the Southeastern race; that is, again after Alabama broke the spell last season but Alabama's seniors are gone. It could be Vanderbilt, Auburn and Florida pushing the Wildcats with the rest of the always strong league insisting they belong up there near the top.

There is a difference, however; that old baron, Adolph Rupp, is crying, but the rest of the league members insist Kentucky will be right at the top when the equipment manager turns in his report. Rupp has something to cry about with Bob Burrow, Phil Grawmeyer, Jerry Bird and Phil Johnson now just memories. Best of the returnees are Vern Hatton at guard, the conference's soph of the '55-'56 year; Gerry Calvert, 5-11 guard; Ed Beck, 6-7 center; and a freshman star in 6-4 forward Johnny Cox.

Vanderbilt has starters in Bobby Thym (6-1) and Jo Gibbs (6-6) at forwards, Don Hinton (6-6) at center, and Al Rochelle (6) guard, with Jimmy French (5-7), Don Bates and Jim Henry, both 6, battling for the open



guard post. Rochelle and Thym were last season's top two scorers with 421 and 379 points for 23 games.

Tulane has four seniors in Calvin Grosscup, 6-4; Stan Stumpf, 6-4; Tom Murphy, 6-3½, and Bob Ebker, 6-5, and that's all-around good general height. Bill Jargstorf tops the guards at 6-2, followed by Larry Greene, 5-10, and two at 5-11, Bob Risk and Gary Stoll.

Georgia Tech doesn't figure to be a pushover although height is lacking. A couple of upcoming freshmen are tabbed as good shots. The veterans are Bobby Kimmel, leading scorer with 433 points; Lenny Cohen, Lane Akers, Jim Johnson, Jess Carroll and Dan MacGregor.

Mississippi State figures to move up from last year's sixth place finish with Wayne Lemon, Billy Ethridge, Lloyd Johnson, Jim Ashmore, and Shellie Bailey as returning lettermen.

The Atlantic Coast conference—North Carolina as champion, with Wake Forest and North Carolina State battling for second place. Duke comes in third, followed by Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, and Clemson. That's the rundown consensus from several sources.

North Carolina—Eight returning veterans, led by Lennie Rosenbluth, plus four good sophomores. The other vets are Joe Quigg, 6-9 center; Pete Brennan, Ron Radovich, Bob Cunningham, Tommy Kearns, Rod Searcy, Bob Young and Ken Rosemond.

North Carolina State is after a fourth straight title (and its tenth in 11 seasons), but four of five starters are gone from last year's team which won 24 of 28, including Ronnie Shavlik and Vic Molodet. The two stars will be Cliff Hafer, 6-4 forward, and John Maglio, 6 guard, both seniors.

Wake Forest, last year's bridesmaid, has four starters: Jack Williams, Jackie Murdock, Ernie Wiggins and Jim Gilley.

Duke depends more on balance than individual brilliance. Bobby Joe Harris and Jim Newcome are expected to set the pace with a promising sophomore in Jerry Robertson. Virginia has three regulars as well as two other lettermen: Bill Miller, Bob Hardy, Jerry Cooper, Cecil Underwood and Wistar Nelligan. Sophs will give the Cavaliers more height than they ever have had, with Herb Busch, 6-7, and Bob Mortell, 6-8, the big boys. Maryland's outstanding returnees are John Nacincik, Bob O'Brien and Nick Davis. Gene

Danko, Jim Halleck and Julian Weingarten are expected to fill out as the better sophomores. Clemson gets aid from Bill Yarborough for one semester or 13 games. When he leaves, the veterans will be Gene Seay, a senior, and juniors Vince Yockel, Tom Cameron, Dick Yeary, Ed Brinkley and Eddie Moncrief.

Speak to anyone in the Southern conference and they immediately get the talk going on Rod Hundley, which is one big reason West Virginia is very highly regarded. George Washington usually is the pre-season favorite but has been upset now for two straight years. Richmond is highly regarded with the probable immediate followers being Furman, Washington & Lee, and William & Mary.

With the 6-4 senior Hundley is some good overall height and fine players in an alphabetical listing of Jim Barnett, 6-1; Bob Cloussin, 6-5; Marc Constantine, 6-6; Don Eddy, 6-5; Joedy Gardner, 6-1 letterman; Bill King, 6-5; Clayce Kishbaugh, 6-2 monogram man; Ronnie Retton, 5-8; Howie Schertzinger, 6-6; Lloyd Sharrar, 6-10 letterman; Bob Smith, 6-4, and Don Vincent, 6-1 letterman. Of course, the big man is Hundley, with his 798 points and a 26.6 game average.

George Washington has only one returning starter, Bill Telasky, sophomore guard. Frank Morrison is back from service to help out the returning veterans: Ardie Baker, senior guard; John Jolly, junior forward; and Ron Matalavage, sophomore forward.

Furman and Darrell Floyd, twice the national scoring leader, now are separated and thereby is one of the biggest spots to fill by any school in the country. The loss of several other key performers, who were shadowed by Floyd, gives Furman two returning regulars and only three lettermen on the entire squad. Starters are 5-11 Dick Wright, rated by Coach Lyles Alley as one of the most promising boys he has ever had, and Jimmy Herring, 6-6 senior forward. The other letterman is Bob Gaines, 6-1 senior.

Washington & Lee has five regulars back, four of them for the third year: Barry Storick, 6-3; Lee Marshall, 6-5; Barclay Smith, 6-6, and Dom Flora, 6-2. Frank Hoss, 6-5, is starting his second year as a regular.

University of Louisville could well be one of the top teams in the country. Back is Charlie Tyra, who knows how to use his 6-8 frame at center, as evidence of the fact he led the

scorers with 690 points and was the National Invitational tourney's most valuable player last season and made the Helms All-American squad. Along with Tyra are two starters, second leading scorer Jim Morgan, 6-1 guard with 415 points, and Bill Darragh. Tyra's chief helper on the boards and the third high scorer, a 6-5 forward.

Western Kentucky State at Bowling Green is rarin' to get back on the winning side after Coach E. A. Diddle lost 12 games last season, more than any club he has coached in 15 years. One regular is gone and one reserve, leaving Owen Lawson, Bob Daniels, Eric Back, Ronnie Clark, Monty Holland and Bill Case. Sophomores include Ralph Crosthwaite, 6-8 center; Dean Day at guard; Stan Johnson, 6-5 forward or center, and John McClearn, 6-4 forward. They are the Ohio Valley conference champs.

## THE MIDWEST

The "I's" still have it in the Big Ten, but it is Illinois at the top of the heap with Iowa tumbling from the throne in the annual winter revolution.

The three big seniors, Capt. Harv Schmidt, Bill Altenberger and George BonSalle, junior Don Ohl, and a sophomore, Roger Taylor, loom as the probable starting lineup which will try to keep Illinois ahead of some dangerous squads.

BonSalle is 6-8 and Schmidt is 6-6. Taylor will be the smallest at an even 6 feet, while Altenberger is an inch taller and Ohl hits 6-3. Ready to step into action at any time is Hiles Stout, a two year veteran and a rugged No. 6 man. A lot depends on Ted Caiazza, a capable 6-6 junior who was removed from active participation by a knee injury which Coach Harry Combes hopes now is completely healed. Altenberger, a regular two years ago, was sidelined early last season by glandular fever and never fully regained his stride. But he should be ready for this final chance. And if he isn't, John Paul, 6-1; Larry Breyfogle and Tom Haller, 6-3 both, and two more at the same height, Lloyd Eggers and Jim Chengary, are ready to move up. Breyfogle started out strong last year but was hit by the scholastic sledge hammer.

Iowa faces the worst, having lost the first seven members of the championship team and will be rebuilding around four lettermen: Augie Martel.

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5-10 senior guard; Tom Payne, 6-6 junior forward; Frank Sebolt, 6-3 senior forward, and Roy Johnson, 6-5 senior guard back in school after having appeared in 42 games during the 1953-54 and 1954-55 seasons.

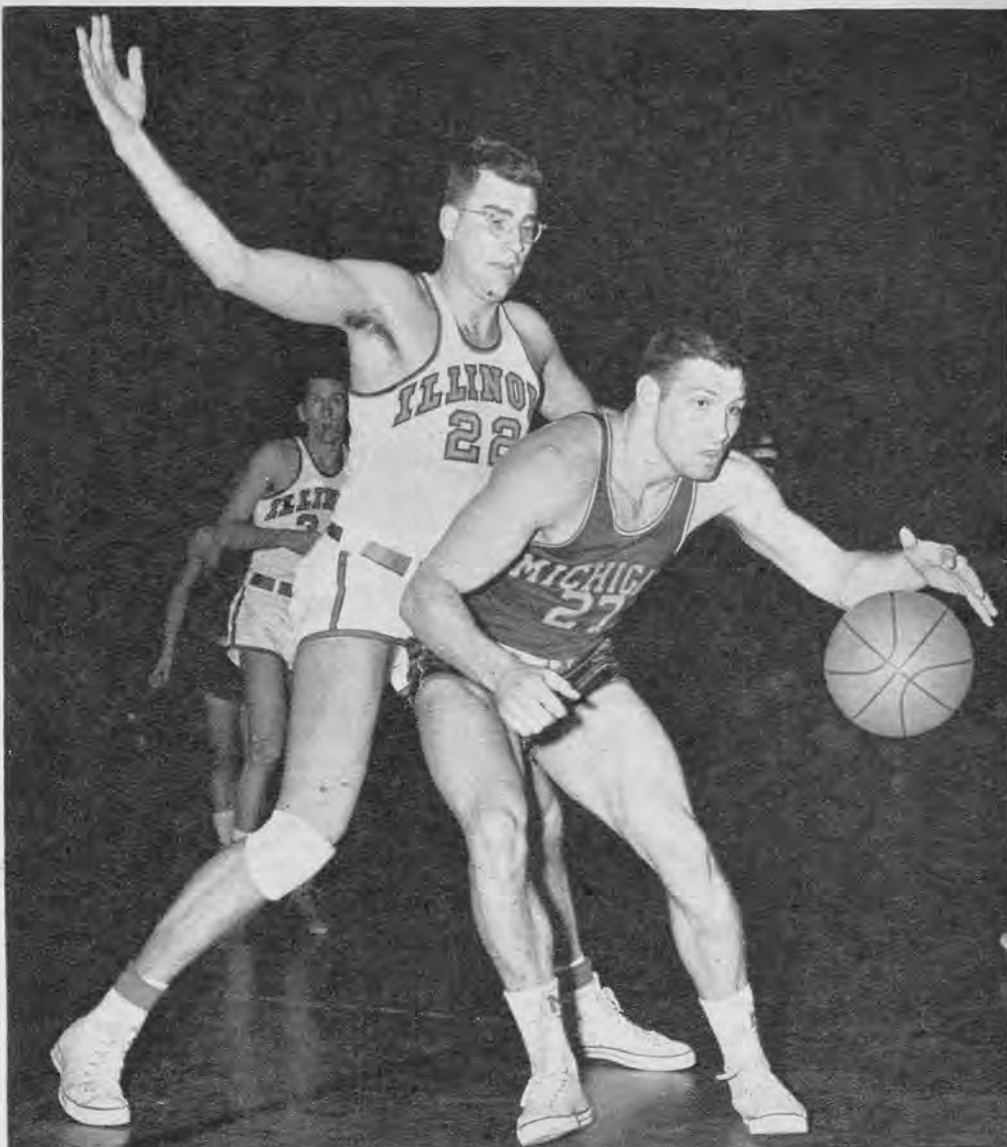
Michigan is in good position to move up, with eight lettermen of 11 back. The lineup looks like Ron Kramer, 6-3, at center; Pete Tillotson, 6-6, and George Lee, 6-3 soph, at forwards; and Jim Shearon, 5-11, and Jack Lewis, another soph at 6 even, at guards. With the sophs in position, experience is ready to take over when Coach Bill Perigo calls on Billy Wright, Bob Sullivan and Tom Raisor at guard, and Randy Terrier and Milt Lingle at forward.

Michigan State looks forward with a five averaging 6-3 plus depth for a well-balanced squad. Joining senior lettermen Pat Wilson and Harry Lux, guards, and George Ferguson, forward or guard, are four junior monogram winners, Jack Quiggle, Larry Hedden, Charles Bencie and Max Gonzenbach.

Indiana is in pretty good shape, at least on paper, with Archie Dees at center leading returning regulars in Jerry Thompson, Hallie Bryant and Charles Hodson. Four veteran reserves also return, with Forward Pete Obremskey having the most experience. Competing with some good promising sophs are Ray Ball, Dick Neal and Sam Gee.

Watch Northwestern! Everyone is back, 11 lettermen, plus a most promising sophomore contingent. Matter of fact, Bill Schulz, 6-9 center, may find himself on the sidelines watching 6-9 Joe Ruklik live up to his all-Illinois state prep honors. Joe averaged over 25 points per game last season with the greenies and is rated one of the top soph prospects in the conference. Dick Johnson is another soph who may be in the starting lineup. With Nick Mantis, 6-3, slated to start at forward, the only starting veterans will be Glen Lose, 6-2, at forward, and Dick Mast, 6-1, at guard.

Ohio State lost three lettermen, the greatest being Robin Freeman and his 33 points per game, and has four returning. With last year's freshman crew rated below par, the Buckeyes cannot hope to pick up the slack although they will have some good games over the season. The monogram men are Frank Howard and Jim Laughlin at forwards; Gene Millard at guard, and Bob Mosier at center. The return to eligibility of



Michigan's Ron Kramer tries to wheel around Illinois' George Bon Salle during '56 game. Both men are expected to be star performers again this year.

Ken Sidle, 6-5, would help out very much, especially on defense.

Minnesota finds itself in better than ordinary shape with Big Bill Simonovich, 6-10 center, and Dave Noack, guard, graduated. Matter of fact, the Gophers will have 9 seniors in uniform of a returning list of 13 veterans, so this is the year the boys will have to come through with a high first division position or it may be too late. Three of the returnees are two-year lettermen, Jerry Dommeyer, Gerald Lindsley and Dave Tucker.

Purdue lost five of eight lettermen and Joe Sexson will be the hardest to replace, having scored 1,095 in three years of competition. Lamar Lundy at center and Joe Campbell at guard will be setting the pace and a lot depends on the ability of four sophomores to help out the other veteran, Frank Cummings.

Wisconsin has only two returning lettermen, Forwards Bob Litzow, third highest scorer as a sophomore last year, and Glenn Borland, who saw only limited action. Returning junior varsity monogram men are Guards Walter Holt and Dave Leichtfuss. That leaves center as the weakest position, with squadmen Ray Goss, 6-6, and Dave Telfer, 6-7, back but with a scoring record of only four points between them.

In the non-conference ranks, Marquette lost its big boys and will be taking the floor with six lettermen plus Mike Moran, a 6-8 soph who will be the tallest on the squad. The veterans are good: Clem Massey, Bob Walczak, Gerry Hopfensperger, John Claser, Jay Schauer and Jim Benka.

Cincinnati lost a lot but still has some good boys in Frank Nimmo and



Wayne Stevens among six lettermen.

Notre Dame had tough going last season with a good squad and doesn't want that to happen again. Johnny Jordan is pretty well set with Bobby Devine, Ed Gleason, Joe Morelli and John Smyth as he sacrifices height for speed. Tommy Sullivan is back after two years in service, and Tom Hawkins will be right in there with the top players although only a sophomore.

Loyola is in a rough spot, moving in as sole sponsor of the Chicago Stadium double headers after a season which was highlighted mainly by the Ramblers' first victory over Notre Dame. Lack of experience and bench strength are the main hurdles. Probable starters will be Jim DeWulf and Art McZier, 6-4 forwards; Paul Krucker, 6, and Dave Kaminski, a 6-1 soph, at guards. Steve Mrkvicka, 6-10 center, has a long way to go. Krucker is the spark plug.

De Paul has one starter, Dick Heise, with Chuck Henry, Sherm Rosen, Ron Lakin and Chester Tabor moving up to the ranks.

Dayton again will be strong, although probably not with the bench strength which helped out last year. The three attracting the most attention are Jim Palmer, Albie Sicking, and Arlen Bockhorn. Watch for sleepers in Jack McCarthy and Don Lane.

## THE SOUTHWEST

Southern Methodist is built around Jim Krebs, 6-8 center, and Bobby Mills, 6-6 guard, who are out to see the Mustangs get into the Southwest Conference championship corral well ahead of the pack for the third straight year. Another returning regular is Larry Showalter, 6-3 forward, back for his third campaign. Additional lettermen are Rick Herrscher, No. 6 man, and Bob McGregot, reserve center and forward.

Texas figures to be improved with all the starters back, some good freshman graduates, and a new coach in Marshall Hughes. The veterans are Ray Downs, 6-4; Norm Hooton, 6-2; Ellis Olmstead, 6-10; Kermit Decker, 6; Bill Groogan, 6-3; Ken Cleveland, 5-11; Barry Dowd, 6; John Shaffer, 6-5, and Ken Horwitz, 5-11.

The Texas Aggies welcome back its leading scorer in Ken Hutto, plus George Mehaffey, and Fritzie Conally from its top five point getters. The better looking sophomores are considered Alex Roberts, 6-2; Neil Swisher, 6-1; and Stewart Heller, 6-5.

Texas Christian has four returning lettermen plus a great crop of talented freshmen, the finest first-year group in many years. Bright spot is center Dick O'Neal, the high scoring record holder. Top newcomers are 6-1 Jim O'Bannon; 6-4 Billy Taylor, 6-5 Ronny Stevenson; 6-10 H. E. Kirchner, 6-4 Derrill Nipert, and 6-3 Ken King.

Baylor sees a return of better days with five lettermen although only one starter. Jerry Mallett, 6-5; Larry Barnes has had experience as a starter and there is 6-8 Eddie Ashwood plus Tom Kelly and Ed Franklin. Freshmen are 6-8 John Moore; John E. Fite and Gene McCarley, each 6-5, and Charley Pack, 5-10.

## THE MISSOURI VALLEY

A strong sophomore contingent at Oklahoma A. & M., four starters at St. Louis plus needed height via the sophs, and Bradley's tall, fast, and sure shooting juniors bespeaks of a most interesting race in the Missouri Valley conference.

It's no news that the Aggies are at least co-favorites, but missing are three starters, including the two top scorers, Clayton Carter and V. R. Barnhouse. Since when, however, has Hank Iba been so very concerned with an overwhelming offense? Back will be veterans Mel Wright (6), a senior, and Jerry Hale (6-3) from the starting five which was runner-up last season, plus lettermen Joe Crutchfield (6-5), Henry Temple (6-7), Ron Fisher (5-9), Roy Carberry, and Eddie Sutton.

Four starters give St. Louis experience and sophs supply the height to make Coach Eddie Hickey's tenth season with the Billikins prosperous. Eddie is particularly high on Bob Ferry, 6-8, who broke all freshmen scoring records last season. An army vet, Cal Burnett, 6-6, is expected to be right up there with the regulars. The veterans are Guard Harold Alcorn, 6; Forward Jack Mimitz, 6-3; Center Al Serkin, 6-7; and Forward Joe Todd, 6-3.

Bradley returns to the conference wars strongly fortified by Center Barney Cable, 6-7; Shelley McMillon, 6-5, at forward, and Guards Chuck Sedgwick, 6-1, and Curley Johnson, 6. All were starters last season. Two outstanding sophomores are former prep all-stars in Bobby Joe Mason, 6-2, and Gene More, 6-3. Coach Chuck Osborn, the former Bradley star who succeeded Bob Vanatta, also has veterans in Dave

Emerson, 6-7; Gene Herberger, 6-9, and Don Groves, 6-1.

Wichita is in position to sneak in the title door while the pre-season favorites are killing off each other. Coach Ralph Miller has Joe Stevens back after a standout year as a sophomore, and the 6 foot guard will key the Shocker attack. Probably lining up with him will be Calvin Schwartzkopf (6-1) at guard; Sophomore Ev Wessell (6-9) at center; and Don Woodworth (6-4) and Garry Mann (6-3) at forwards.

Houston relinquishes its 1955-56 championship with only Dan Dotson, 6-3 guard, returning from the starting five. The main loss is Don Bolderbuck, the 7 footer who scored 2,263 points in four seasons. Bolderbuck's spot goes to Ray Patopersty, 6-7, a soph, with two junior college graduates, Russell Boone, 6-5 forward, and Doc Jones, 6 guard, seeing a lot of action. Dean Evans, 6-3 forward, is ready as well as veteran reserves in Andy McElveen, 6; Sam Sells, 5-11; Jimmy Ash, 6-4; Harlow Tucker, 6-4, and Jackie Welch, 6. The loss of Red Walling, freshman scoring record holder, by scholastic difficulties does not help.

Tulsa has three lettermen back—Junior Born, the leading scorer; Clester Hartington and Jerry Evans—and looks to sophomores to pick up the slack, particularly for the future. The latter include Jack Pontius, with 201 points in 13 games; Roger Wendel, 194 in 14; Pete Collier, Leland Harms, Bill Hogue, and George Cagliola.

Detroit is a threat always, especially with Bill Ebben's 23.6 game average and Don Haase, the top two scorers. Mike Walsh, John Belohlavek, Tom Constello and John Oles are ready to take advantage of their experience. Coach Bob Callahan rates the best conference players as Ebben, Wichita's Stevens, Bradley's McMillen and St. Louis' Todd.

Drake re-enters the MVC race with a new coach in John Benington and manpower at a several-year low. Only three of 11 lettermen are back, headed by Red Murrell, 6-4, who led the scorers with 400 points last season, and two reserve guards, Jim Carey and Kent Gaer, both 6 footers. Talent from the yearlings is rather spotty, with Frank Anderson, 6-2, Bill Engel, 6-9, Bob Hurlburt, 6, and Mel Olsen, 6-2, rated the best possibilities.

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## THE BIG SEVEN

There's no sense going into the capabilities of "the Stilt" as far as Kansas' Big Seven prospects are concerned. Probably never before in basketball has one upcoming sophomore been so publicized during his freshman campaign. Reams have been and will be written about Wilton Chamberlain, so I'm letting others take care of his seven feet, all 84 inches, plus reach. Going with the stringbean are returning lettermen in John Cleland, Eddie Dater, Gene Elstun, Lou Green, Blaine Hollinger, Harry Jett, Lew Johnson, Ron Johnston, Maurice King, Bob Lockley and John Parker, so Dick Harper, moving up to the post of the old master, Dr. F. C. (Phog) Allen, has quite a bit to work with.

Kansas of course is the favorite, or more particularly Chamberlain. Willing to risk all to change that attitude in the Big Seven race is Kansas State, the defending champion with nine lettermen, seven of them juniors. Jack Parr is 6-9 and enters his junior year with a fine record, winning all-conference honors last year. Bob Boozer, 6-8 soph, appears destined for a forward post but those are Coach Tex Winter's two biggest threats in size. Roy DeWitz has yet to reach his top potential and probably will key the Wildcat attack.

Iowa State has excellent prospects with four starters led by Gary Thompson, a real star despite his 5-10 height. The others are John Crawford, 6-5; Chuck Vogt, 6-5, and Don Medsker, 6-3 plus a fine reserve in Lyle Frahm, 6-2. Outstanding sophs are Fred Boshela, 6-4; John Krocheski, 6-7, and Ron Baukoe, 5-11.

Nebraska has to look for freshmen to replace eight lettermen and the potential includes Ron Parsons, 6-7; Bob Harry, 6-6; George Swank, 6-6; Bob Finn, Larry White, Denny Curtin and Mort Fuller. Going with these youngsters for Coach Jerry Bush are veterans in Rex Ekwall, Don Smidt, Jim Kubacki, Harry Reimers, Jim Arwood, Terry Howard, Dudley Doebele, Lyle Nannen and Billy Wells.

Missouri has eight returning lettermen out of 11 but a soph, Sonny Siebert, may break into the starting five. The others will be Bill Ross and Rodger Egelhoff at forwards; John Stephens at center, and Lionel Smith at guard. Not too much height but a lot of experience and should be all right.

Oklahoma looks to better days but the road will be long. Sophomores include 12 men who stand 6-4 or better to go with eight lettermen led by Ed Abbey, LeRoy Bacher, and Joe King.

Colorado lost four regulars and will have a hard time to get out of the cellar. Coach Russell (Sox) Welseth steps into the coaching post and will be planning for the future. Jim Jochems, at 6-7, is the only tall man and he needs more experience.

## THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

The Air Force academy makes its bow in Rocky Mountain intercollegiate circles after a season wetting its feet chiefly against freshmen and junior varsity quintets. So briefly the Falcons have some experience but the academy height limit plays havoc with basketball chances.

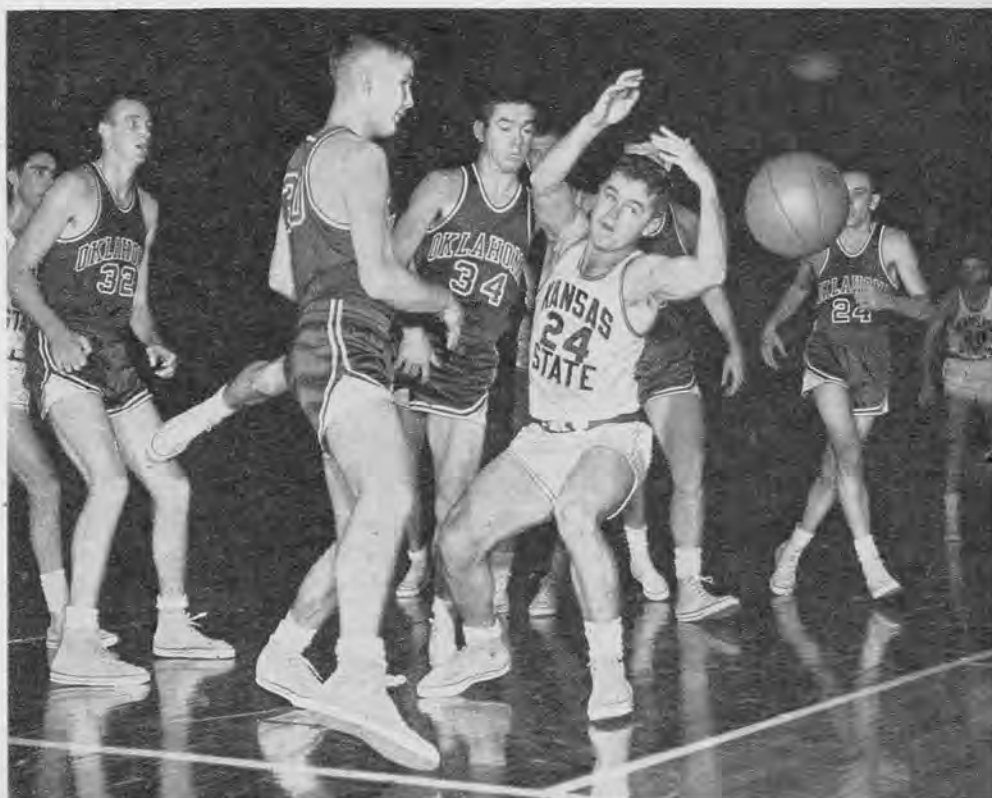
Big scorer is Bob Beckel, a 6 foot guard who averaged 28.1 points for 20 games, always was in double figures, and only three times below 20.

Elsewhere in the mountains, Idaho State looms as No. 1 in the R. M. conference even though Steve Belko

has moved on to Oregon's head coaching post. Lloyd Harris, a junior and great guard, sets the pace towards a fifth straight title and, if he continues to produce as capably as in the past, looms as one of the best players ever developed in the area. Western State and Colorado State seem to be the second place battlers, with Montana State in contention with a young squad which may be ready to step up next season.

The Skyline conference presents the same format, Utah and Brigham Young on top with Utah State ready to spring a trap for the unwary and Wyoming getting set to return to the high levels reached in previous campaigns. Denver is rumored to be about the same with Colorado A. & M. and Montana both expected to be better, leaving New Mexico in the cellar. Outside of Utah and BYU, the rest of the pack may be in for quite a struggle.

Montana State's youngsters—there isn't a senior on the squad—include Jim Kelly, 6-6 center; Bill McQuitty, 6-2 forward or guard; Jim Butcher, 5-11 guard; Andy Matson, 6-1 guard, and Ted Carter, 6-7 forward. Loren Sax, 6-3 reserve forward, will have to shake off the football muscles before getting into action.



Kansas State's Pachin Vincens (24) lets ball get away from him while surrounded by Oklahoma players. The ball bounced wild and Sooners got the throw-in.



Utah State lost five players via graduation, including Pat Dunn, all-conference guard, and Gordon Kirby, 6-7 center. Needed is a man to replace Dunn. Back are Ted Smith, high scorer; Joe Lockyer, regular center; Frank Polak, 5-11 guard, and Larry Bailey, 6 forward. Newcomers include Bob Crane, a 6-2 junior college transfer; and Ernest Peterson, a 6 transfer from Brigham Young, who will be eligible.

Coach Forrest (Frosty) Cox has Rudy Rhoades, Russ Sheriff, Al Dunham and Bob Powell back to replace his two high scorers at Montana in Ed Argenbright and Ed Bergquist. With the five lettermen comes Dick Trinastich, who won his monogram in 1952 and 1953 before entering service.

Ev Shelton's two losses at Wyoming are Joe Capua and Ed Huse, Nos. 1 and 5 in the scoring statistics last season. The returnees include Terry Eckhardt, Dave Bradley, John Sharp, Gordon Holden, Ed Luman, Don Carlson, Bill Stephenson, Don Campbell and Dale Clinton.

## THE PACIFIC COAST

The Pacific Coast conference situation remains just that—a situation. As one athletic publicity director put it, "U.C.L.A. and Washington can't go to the N.C.A.A. or officially win the championship as the result of getting caught teeing up in the rough on player aid. That may, or may not, have some effect on the playing season."

The favorites loom as Oregon State in the northern division with Washington the runner-up, and California down south, followed by the Uclans. Let's take them in that order.

Oregon State finished the season with Dave Gambee, 6-7, and Bob Alford, 6-5, at forwards; Wayne Moss, 6-8, at center, and Ken Nanson, 6, and Gary Haynes, 6-2, at guards. All then were sophs except Alford, and Bob is back for his senior year. Also returning is Jerry Crimins, 6 guard, a letterman, and Ralph Carroll, 6-8 reserve.

As this was written, Tippy Dye was undecided about withholding four of his top stars this season because of the conference two year probation on Washington. Ignoring that possibility, the Huskies have Bruno Boin, one of the top centers on the coast at 6-10; Doug Smart, 6-7 outstanding sopho-

more forward; John Tuft, 6-2 veteran forward, and Bill Stady, 6-3 letterman guard. These would be the four to sit out this season to enable them to have a chance for a title and N.C.A.A. berth in their final year. Don Sunitsch, co-captain with Boin, wants the fifth starting post at guard, which he has held off and on for the past two years.

Steve Belko moves in as coach at Oregon from Idaho State and faces a rebuilding job. The Ducks will start with Charlie Franklin at forward and Phil McHugh at guard. Reserves of last year will help with Hal Duffy, 6-6 center; Ed Bingham, 6-2 guard; Bill Moore, 6-4 forward, and Wimp Hastings, 5-10 guard.

U.C.L.A. lost three good men in Willie Naulls at center, Morris Taft at guard and Allen Herring at forward, the heart of its championship team as the top three scorers. Dick Banton returns as guard with veterans who should put in strong bids for starting posts: Conrad Burke, 6-5; Jim Halsten, 6-4, and Ben Rogers, 6-6. Other lettermen who may help are Art Hutchins, 5-11 guard; Bill Eblen, 6-3½ forward, and Nolan Johnson, who may surprise as the 6-6 center.

California is in fine shape with four regulars in Larry Friend, forward and high scorer; Earl Robinson, guard who may become the greatest all-around athlete in California history; Center Duane Asplund, and Guard Bernie Simpson. The bench includes Guards Gabe Arrillaga and Mick Diaz, who held starting posts at different times. Everett McKeen, a steady forward as a sophomore two seasons ago, returns after missing a year because of an eye injury.

Stanford has only two returning starters, Forward Bill Bond, third high scorer with 328 points, and Guard Hap Wagner. Other lettermen back are Dave Dunn, center; Carl Isaacs, and Gary Van Galder, guard, and Clint Waring, center.

Southern California lost three regulars in four lettermen plus two others by university disciplinary action. Jim Kaufman, 6-4 forward, and Larry Hauser, 6-2 guard, are the returning starters with veteran Ken Pearson, 6-5, taking over center. Jim Pugh, 6-4 forward, and Danny Rogers, 6 guard, are early choices to start. The return of Chuck Reilly, a two year letterman before going into military service, could be a big help at forward. Other prospects are Norm Price, 6-4 veteran

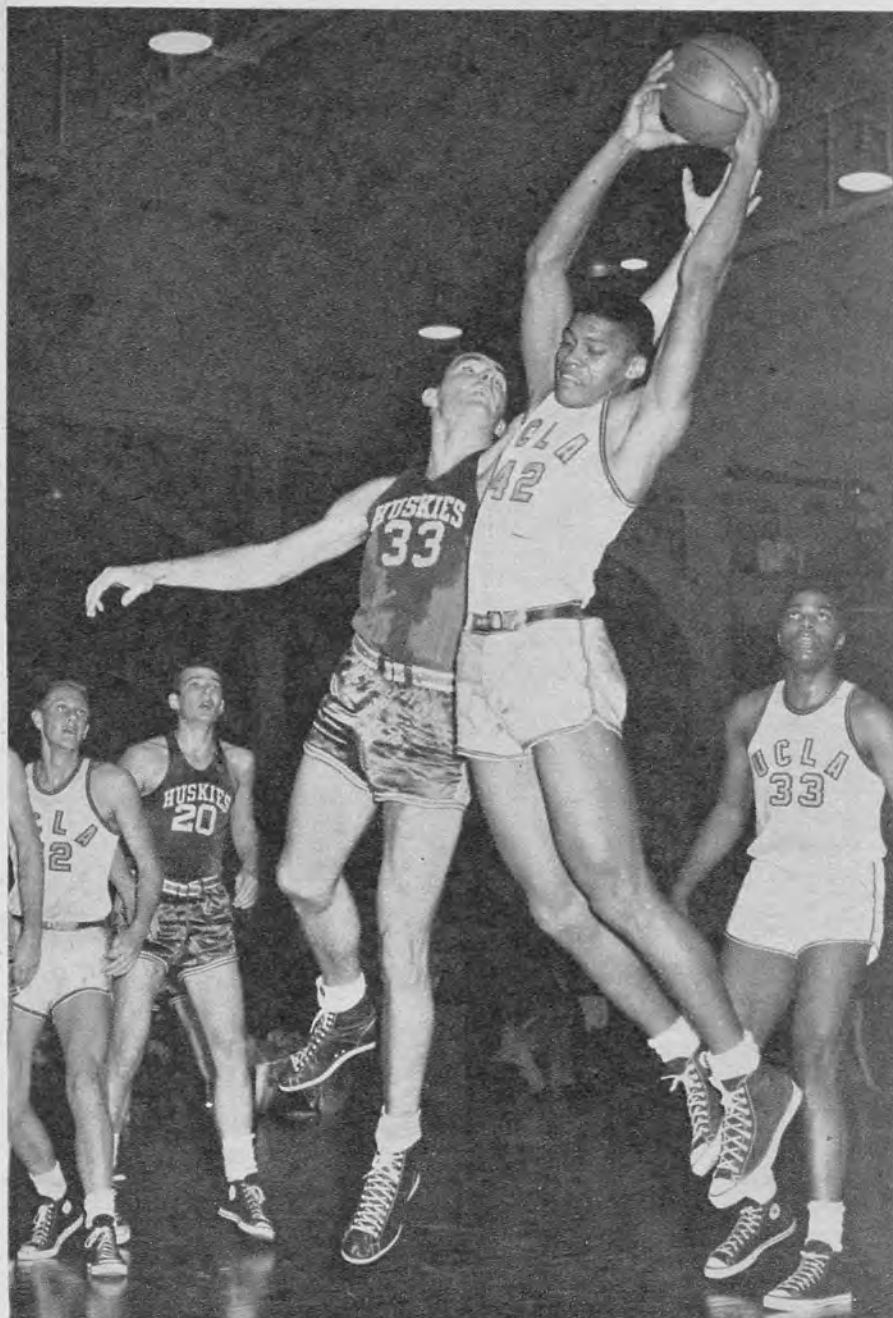
forward; Monte Gonzales, a 5-11 high scorer at the College of the Sequoias before joining the navy; Kaz Shinzato, 6 foot guard who averaged 22.5 with the freshmen last year, and Phil Dye, 6-5 center graduate from the junior varsity after transferring from Valley Junior college.

Carl Boldt, 6-4, Gene Brown, 6-3, and Mike Farmer, 6-7, give San Francisco three of its N.C.A.A. starters from last season, who successfully defended their national title despite the absence of Bill Russell and K. C. Jones. Also gone is Hal Perry who teamed so well with Jones at guard. Mike Preaseau, 6-5, saw a lot of action last season and will be at forward. John Koljian, 6-4, hopes to be rid of the injuries which plagued him all last season. From the freshman squad, Dave Lillevand, 5-11, is outstanding and should step into Perry's post while Bob Radonovich, 6-3, and John Cunningham, 6-6, press the veterans who are included in the 10 lettermen. Russell is still on the Dons' roster but this one is Charles, who though not quite as tall as his more famous brother nevertheless should strengthen the squad considerably as a Junior College transfer. A big game will be on the second night of the season at California with two former classmates, the Dons' Phil Woolpert and Pete Newell, on the opposing benches. Nothing would give Newell, former S. F. coach, greater satisfaction than ending San Francisco's winning streak.

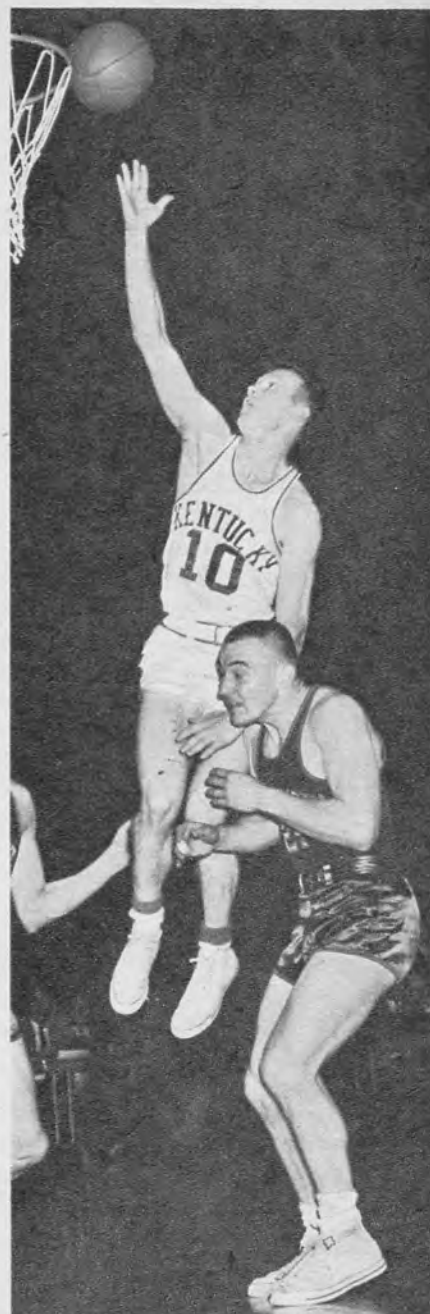
The California Basketball Association race should be more interesting without the Dons' domination and the ultimate champion should loom as a strong N.C.A.A. contender despite two or three league losses.

Santa Clara has six monogram men back plus Dick Garibaldi returning from two years of military service. Dick shot that last second field goal which clinched the 56 to 53 win for Santa Clara over Wyoming in the 1952 N.C.A.A. Western regionals, and his 6-5 presence will be welcomed. Only letterman junior is Gary Gillmor, 6 guard. The others, all seniors, are Lu Jenkins, 6-2; Rich Montgomery, 6-7; Don McNeil, 6-3; Dick Venezia, 6-2; and Dave McCosker, 5-10. Newcomers include 6-7 John Marshall; 6-6 Joe Reichmann, and 6-5 Bob Harris, army veteran who played his freshman year in 1952. The first five ap-

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Dick Banton, UCLA, stretches to grab rebound away from Washington's Jim Coshow. Banton, a star guard, will be back this season, and should be a standout.



Kentucky's Gerry Calvert (10) scores. Minnesota's Jerome Dommeyer, right.

pear to be Rich and Jerry Bachich, 6-4 soph, at forwards; McNeil at center, and Garibaldi and Gillmor at guards.

San Jose State, like College of the Pacific, figures to be stronger with new additions in Buster Burges, who averaged 15.3 per game before going into service in 1953; Art Powell, freshman star final half of last season after transferring from San Diego J. C.; Dennis Raino, a former J. C. star who did not play last year; Denny Harris, 6-5 junior back from army service, and Arnie Lundquist, 6-7 soph. These with veterans Eddie Diaz and Marv Branstrom, help the

Spartans' chances. Other returning lettermen are Gil Egeland, Jack Rowley and George Wagner. St. Mary's will rely on Odel Johnson and a number of promising sophomores while C. O. P., in John Thomas and Dave Davis, has one of the best forward combinations in the state if not on the coast.

Among the independents, Gonzaga has eight lettermen back plus some good sophs and a couple of transfers who should help. Outstanding ex-freshman is Bob Turner, 6-4, who needs experience but potentially is a star. Seattle looms as one of the strongest in the northwest area with

Elgin Baylor eligible. Portland has six sophs who put together an undefeated 23 game freshman streak and lettermen in Gene Kutsch, 6-4; and Jack Scrivens, 5-11. Also back are juniors Larry Larsen and Frank Rector at guard, and Art Chapman and Jim O'Donnell at forward. Those sensational sophomores are Jim Armstrong, 6; Wally Panel, 5-11; Elmen Bloedel, 6-4; Dick Jolley, 6-1; John Westermann, 6-7, and Larry Walsh, 6-5. A sleeper is Seattle Pacific, which enrolled Phil Jordan, star center of the Seattle Buchanan Bakers, Northwest A.A.U. champions.

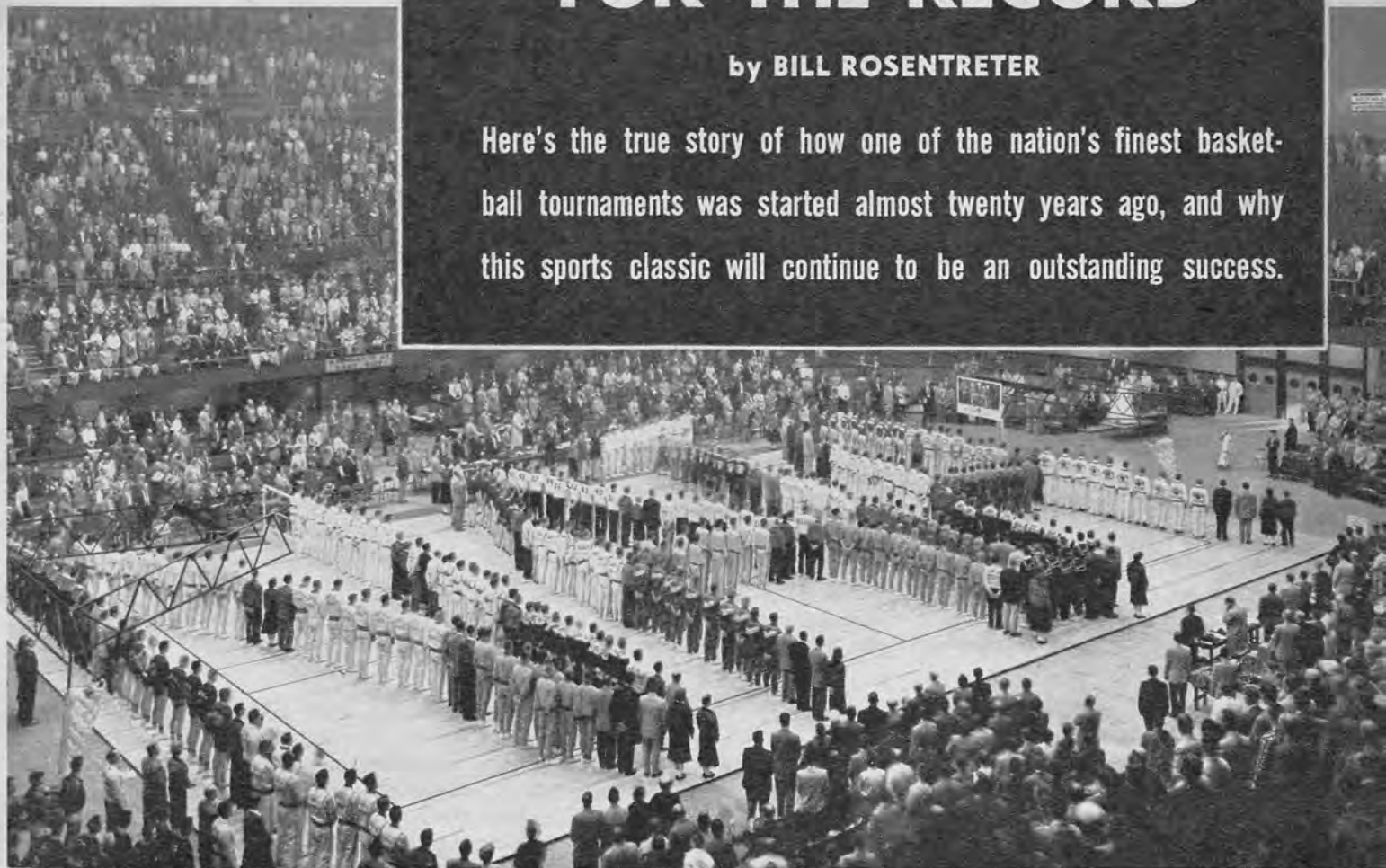
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# FOR THE RECORD

by BILL ROSENTERER

Here's the true story of how one of the nation's finest basketball tournaments was started almost twenty years ago, and why this sports classic will continue to be an outstanding success.



Kansas City Municipal Auditorium is filled with fans to witness 1956 NAIA cage tourney opening ceremonies. 320 competing athletes representing 32 teams assemble on court and around its edges as huge NAIA letters are formed.

**Q**UITE frequently, one may find a story behind a story and that's the case where the NAIA is concerned.

Historical facts attest that the first National Intercollegiate Basketball Championship tournament was held in the new and glorious setting of Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium in 1938. Thirty-two teams selected from fifteen districts and representing more than 30 states comprised that field.

But the real beginning of the tournament—which gave birth to the NAIA organization—goes back beyond that 1938 championship, which incidentally was captured by Central Missouri State College of Warrensburg.

In effect, it was a decision by the National A.A.U. that played a vital role.

For many years, Kansas City had proved a "hotbed" of basketball. Its rabid fans had given brilliant support to the National A.A.U. tournaments in old Convention Hall. But then the A. A. U. shifted its tournament to Denver, Colorado. That created a void in the Kansas City sports program—a void bemoaned by thousands of basket-

ball thrill-seekers in the Greater Kansas City area.

A "test" tournament involving college teams was staged in 1937 and the success of that eight-team affair convinced college athletic officials they should move full speed ahead with plans for a National Intercollegiate Basketball Championship tournament.

That their decision was wise is verified by the glowing history of the tournaments that have followed, year after year.

From such an inauspicious beginning, the NAIA has developed into one of the largest, toughest basketball tournament of them all—a 32-team scramble with each contender carrying a conference championships or laurels won in district play-offs.

Every section of the nation is represented each year in the tournament brackets.

From the standpoint of ruggedness, there isn't a college tournament anywhere to compare with the NAIA classic.

It is a tournament in which the top

teams must play five games in six nights, possibly five in five. Dwell on that and realize how emphasis not only is placed on speed and skill and shooting accuracy, but on endurance and conditioning as well. Stamina and plenty of it is a must.

It is a tournament in which the champion reigns over approximately 450 NAIA member institutions whose banners fly from Maine to California, and from Oregon to Florida.

The winners of the NAIA certainly may wear the national crown with every assurance that they are truly national champions.

Basketball gave birth to the NAIA—basketball and the zeal of a few men whose names long will shine brilliantly in the firmament of American collegiate sports.

For it was this same National Intercollegiate Basketball Championship tournament which led to the formation of the NAIB (National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball) in 1940. Twelve years later, in 1952, the organi-

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The immortal Dr. James A. Naismith, founder of basketball, worked hard to help organize the NAIA tourney.



Coach Ralph Ward (left) holds the Naismith Trophy symbolic of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tournament championship. Coach Ward and his McNeese State College (La.) Cowboys won the NAIA title in 1956.

zation had grown to such proportions that it was imperative that the scope of operations be enlarged to include other sports. Thus the NIAB became the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics).

In the formation of the NAIB, back in 1940, and in the direction of the 1938 and 1939 tournaments there were several men who played key roles as "Pioneers of the NAIA." But none gave more willingly and abundantly of their great organizational ability, their time and energy and their tremendous desire to make a major contribution to collegiate athletics than the late Dr. James A. Naismith, founder of basketball, and the late Emil S. Liston, often referred to as "The Father of the NAIA."

Dr. Naismith, whose peach-basket game of the early '90s, had flourished to encompass the world, was enormously interested in the development of a democratic organization, national in scope, that would provide the ideal in athletics for students attending the smaller colleges and universities of the nation.

He was not concerned with the type of college or university a boy represented as a player. He was concerned with the motives for which a player went to a particular college and for what purpose he was playing basketball.

Dr. Naismith and Liston—for many years athletic director at Baker university in Baldwin, Kansas, until his

death in 1949—had a dream and both were determined to see it come true.

They surrounded themselves with such men as Al Duer of George Pepperdine college, Los Angeles; Al Baggett, West Texas State of Canyon; Frank Casey of Simpson college, Indianola, Ia.; Gene Kimbrell of Westminster college, Fulton, Mo.; Gus Fish of Emporia (Kansas) State; Al Wheeler of Peru (Nebraska) State; H. Lee Prather of Louisiana State at Natchitoches; Joe Hutton of Hamline university, St. Paul, Minn.; John Breeden of Montana State at Bozeman; Bill Herington of Culver-Stockton college at Canton, Mo.; Louis E. Means of Beloit (Wisconsin) College; Newt Kyle, then at Tarkio, Mo., College; A. D. Dickson of Mississippi Delta State at Cleveland; Virgil Yow of High Point (North Carolina) College; Charles D. Erickson of Washburn college at Topeka, Kan.; Tad Reid of Warrensburg (Missouri) State; Ray Hanson of Western Illinois State at Macomb; Flucie L. Stewart of the University of Tampa at Tampa, Fla.; Charles R. Davies of Duquesne University at Pittsburgh, Pa.; C. E. Miller at Baltimore (Maryland) University; Gus Miller at West Texas State at Canyon, and many others.

Here were the "workers" and the results they obtained may be found in the NAIA and that for which is represents today.

They provided Dr. Naismith and Liston with the assistance needed to

carry out their dream—a collegiate athletic organization, democratic in its membership, in its selection of tournament teams and in its eligibility code; democratic in that coaches and players alike hold uppermost the code of "fair play" with emphasis on one principle—"may the best team win."

Each year in Kansas City, more than 60,000 persons visit the Auditorium to witness the March tournament games. Large crowds see every contest. Fans arrange for a week's vacation, take sick leave or schedule their work so they will miss none of the fun.

Only recently, there were two strong title contenders who, by the luck of the draw, were forced to collide at 11 o'clock in the morning. In spite of the hour, there were more than 4,000 persons in the hall to watch the battle.

This enormous growth and drawing power of the NAIA quite naturally became points of admiration among the larger colleges and universities of America where over-emphasis occasionally has sneaked in to leave its harmful effects.

The NAIA, in its determination to stand as a bulwark against the perils which have plagued collegiate athletics, adopted a set of recommendations at its 1952 annual meeting. These recommendations provided that:

1. Control of athletics should be the responsibility of the school administration. The athletic department should have a place in the institutional structure comparable to all other depart-





1948 photo shows Al Duer (L.), NAIA exec.-sec. and tourney manager, congratulating the late Emil S. Liston upon his receiving Hall of Fame Award that year.



NAIA Pres. John Longfellow (L.) exchanges greetings with Leo Nicholson. Longfellow is ath. dir. at Ind. St. College. Nicholson holds same position at Cen. Wash. St. College.

ments. Members of the department should have the same professional status and tenure with other faculty members. There should be an athletic board appointed by the institution's president to act in an advisory capacity.

2. Athletes and non-athletes should be admitted to the institution under the same admission standards. All should be enrolled through the regular procedure set up by the Registrar.

3. The number and frequency of intercollegiate contests should be carefully controlled and periodically reviewed for any trend of over-emphasis.

4. Colleges and universities should strive to compete with schools having similar educational and athletic policies.

5. We urgently request that no member institution participate in any athletic contests which are not under the direct control and supervision of the college administration.

At the same time, the NAIA ruled that individual or group tryouts "conducted with a view to evaluating the athletic promise of prospective applicants for admission to colleges are not permissible" and prohibited the "practice of bringing prospective athletes to the campus for visitation."

These, in effect, were the ideals envisioned by Dr. Naismith and Liston and together the two guided the national intercollegiate basketball tournament in its early days. Dr. Naismith was so impressed with the NAIA ideals

that he sanctioned the tournament to use his name.

Thus to the annual winner of the week-long tournament in Kansas City each March goes the famed James A. Naismith Memorial Trophy originally offered in honor of Maude Naismith, the deceased wife of the founder of basketball. It is a permanent award to the winning school.

Liston served as managing director of the tournament from its beginning until his death in 1949. Then the NAIA selected Al O. Duer of George Pepperdine College in Los Angeles, Calif., to serve as its executive secretary and tournament manager.

Under Duer the NAIA has continued to flourish, expanding its membership, adhering to its laudable code and increasing its following, year after year.

From its inception, the NAIA has insisted on a democratic organization. Membership is open to all standard colleges and universities offering four year accredited degree courses. The NAIA roster includes sectarian and non-sectarian schools, state colleges, state teachers' colleges, state and municipal universities, private institutions and technical schools.

Never was the "democracy in action" theme more clearly demonstrated than when the NAIA, cognizant of the changing times, created a district at large in which Negro schools could compete for the right to send a team to the national tournament.

Previously, there had been only an

occasional Negro on a team from a northern state competing in the NAIA event.

The democratic theme is carried throughout the basketball championship tournament which is, and has been, strictly non-commercial. Profits are shared cooperatively by the competing teams. A portion of the revenue is used for the promotion and protection of intercollegiate sports. But all tournament policies are set up by the NAIA and executed by the executive committee. These executive committee members are elected annually by association members and are active administration officers of intercollegiate basketball with faculty tenure in member institutions.

The consistence with which NAIA basketball teams displayed "the old college try" in an atmosphere void of muckerism but abounding in clean, hard competition inevitably led to the association's amazing growth. Thus it was in 1952 that the basketball organization — NAIB — yielded its original name to embrace other sports and become the NAIA.

The association now also provides national competition in track and field, golf and tennis. These latter events were held in Abilene, Texas, from 1952 through 1955, when they were transferred to San Diego, Calif. District baseball meets are planned in 1957 and a football bowl game also is in the planning stage.

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# 1956 BASKETBALL RECORDS

## FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

(Conference Games Only)

<b>Yankee</b>	
Connecticut	6 1
Massachusetts	5 1
Rhode Island	4 2
Vermont	2 3
Maine	3 5
New Hampshire	0 10
<b>Little Three</b>	
Amherst	4 0
Williams	2 2
Wesleyan	0 4
<b>Maine</b>	
Colby	7 2
Bates	5 4
Bowdoin	4 5
Maine	4 5
<b>Green Mountain</b>	
St. Michael's	4 0
Middlebury	4 2
Vermont	2 4
Norwich	0 6
<b>R.I. State Series</b>	
Providence	3 1
Univ. Rhode Island	2 2
Brown	1 3
<b>Ivy League</b>	
Dartmouth	10 4
Columbia	9 5
Pennsylvania	0 5
Cornell	8 6
Princeton	7 7
Yale	7 7
Brown	3 11
Harvard	3 11
<b>Middle Atlantic (S)</b>	
Drexel	8 2
Penn Military	7 3
Delaware	6 4
Haverford	4 6
Swarthmore	3 7
Ursinus	2 8
<b>Delaware Valley</b>	
Phila. Textile	10 0
South Jersey	8 2
King's Col., NY	4 6
Phila. Col. Pharmacy	3 7
Temple Pharmacy	3 7
Glassboro STC	2 8
<b>Atlantic Coast</b>	
North Carolina St.	11 3
Wake Forest	10 4
Duke	10 4
Maryland	7 7
South Carolina	3 11
Virginia	3 11
Clemson	1 13
<b>Middle Eastern</b>	
St. Francis (NY)	4 1
LeMoine	4 2
St. Bonaventure	4 2
St. Peter's	2 3
Iona	2 4
Siena	2 6
<b>Va. Little Eight</b>	
Roanoke	10 1
Hampden-Sydney	10 3
Brigewater	5 6
Norfolk, Wm.-Mary	3 5
Lynchburg	4 7
Randolph-Macon	4 7
Richmond Pro. Inst.	2 10
Emory & Henry	1 0
<b>Mason-Dixon</b>	
Loyola	13 1
Mt. St. Mary's	12 2
Roanoke	8 4
Hampden-Sydney	8 5
American	8 5
Catholic	11 7
Washington Col.	8 6
Brigewater	6 6
Johns Hopkins	5 5
Baltimore	5 9
Lynchburg	5 11
W. Maryland	4 10
Galludet	3 9
Randolph-Macon	4 13
Towson St. Col.	3 10

<b>Southern</b>	
West Virginia	10 2
George Washington	10 2
Virginia Poly	10 7
Richmond	8 6
William & Mary	9 7
Furman	7 7
Davidson	5 7
Washington & Lee	5 8
Virginia Military	3 11
The Citadel	0 10
<b>Southern I.A.</b>	
Knoxville	17 1
Morehouse	16 3
Alabama State	14 4
Morris Brown	15 6
South Carolina St.	10 5
Fisk Univ.	12 7
Benedict	13 8
Xavier (La.)	7 5
Florida A&M	12 9
Clark	6 8
Bethune-Cookman	8 13
Tuskegee	6 12
Allen	3 10
Fort Valley	2 8
LeMoine	1 13
Alabama A&M	1 17
Lane	6 5
<b>Central I.A.A.</b>	
Md. St (Princess Ann)	12 0
Winston-Salem	14 4
No. Car. College	10 7
North Carolina A&T	14 6
Bluefield St. Col.	9 3
Delaware St. Col.	11 4
Virginia Union	11 5
Shaw Univ.	12 7
Fayetteville Thrs Col	10 6
Morgan St. Col.	9 9
St. Augustine's	6 9
Virginia St. Col.	8 11
Lincoln Univ.	3 9
Hampton Inst.	4 16
W. Va. State College	2 10
J. C. Smith	1 15
St. Paul's	0 16
<b>Florida</b>	
Florida State	9 1
Miami	7 2
Stetson	6 3
Rollins	5 4
Tampa	3 6
Florida Southern	1 9
<b>So. Carolina Little 4</b>	
Erskine	5 1
Presbyterian	5 1
Wofford	2 4
Newberry	0 6
<b>North State</b>	
East Carolina	13 3
Atlantic Christian	12 4
Lenoir Rhyne	12 4
Elon	11 5
Western Carolina	8 8
Appalachian	6 10
High Point	6 10
Catawba	3 13
Guilford	1 15
<b>Kentucky</b>	
Georgetown	8 3
Berea	8 4
Villa Madonna	7 5
Transylvania	6 5
Centre	6 6
Bellarmine	3 9
Union	3 9
<b>West Virginia</b>	
Morris Harvey	14 2
West Virginia Tech	15 5
Bluefield State	3 1
Alderson-Broadus	18 8
W. Va. Wesleyan	13 7
West Liberty	11 6
Fairmont	13 9
Salem	12 11
Glenville	11 11
Davis & Elkins	11 13
West Virginia State	2 5
Concord	4 12
Shepherd	2 9
Beckley	3 14
Bethany	2 10
Potomac State	2 13

<b>Southeastern</b>	
Alabama	14 0
Kentucky	12 2
Vanderbilt	11 3
Auburn	8 6
Tulane	7 7
Georgia Tech	6 8
Mississippi St.	6 8
Tennessee	6 8
Louisiana State	5 9
Florida	4 10
Mississippi	4 10
Georgia	1 13
<b>Volunteer State</b>	
E. Tennessee State	8 2
Austin Peay	12 4
Lincoln Memorial	5 3
Belmont	6 4
Middle Tennessee St.	4 4
Milligan	3 6
Lipscomb	3 8
Bethel	2 6
Union	2 7
<b>Big Ten</b>	
Iowa	13 1
Illinois	11 3
Ohio State	9 5
Purdue	9 5
Michigan State	7 7
Indiana	6 8
Minnesota	6 8
Wisconsin	4 10
Michigan	4 10
Northwestern	1 13
<b>Mid-American</b>	
Marshall	10 2
Miami	8 4
W. Michigan	7 5
Toledo	6 6
Ohio Univ.	5 7
Kent State	5 7
Bowling Green	1 11
<b>President's</b>	
Wayne	6 0
John Carroll	4 2
Western Reserve	2 4
Case Tech	0 6
<b>Midwest</b>	
Coe	14 2
Cornell	12 4
St. Olaf	12 4
Grinnell	9 7
Monmouth	9 7
Carleton	6 10
Knox	5 11
Ripon	4 12
Lawrence	1 15
<b>Minnesota</b>	
Gus-Adolphus	13 3
Hamline	11 5
St. Thomas	10 6
Augsburg	10 6
Macalester	7 9
St. Mary's	7 9
Duluth Br. (U. Minn.)	7 9
St. John's	6 10
Concordia	1 15
<b>Ohio Valley</b>	
Tennessee Tech	7 3
Morehead	7 3
W. Kentucky	7 3
Murray State	6 4
E. Kentucky	3 7
Middle Tennessee	0 10
<b>Ohio</b>	
Akron	9 1
Denison	12 4
Mount Union	9 4
Muskingum	9 5
Marietta	6 5
Wittenberg	6 5
Heidelberg	8 8
Wooster	6 7
Oberlin	5 6
Capital	7 9
Ohio Wesleyan	6 10
Kenyon	5 9
Otterbein	6 11
Hiram	1 11
<b>Indiana</b>	
Evansville	10 2
Butler	8 4
Valparaiso	8 4
DePauw	6 6
St. Joseph's	6 6

Indiana State	2 10
Ball State	2 10
<b>Illinois</b>	
Wheaton	14 0
Ill. Wesleyan	10 4
Millikin	8 6
Elmhurst	8 6
Lake Forest	7 7
Carroll	4 10
Augustana	3 11
North Central	2 12
<b>Michigan</b>	
Calvin	12 2
Kalamazoo	9 5
Adrian	9 5
Hope	8 6
Hillsdale	8 6
Albion	5 9
Alma	5 9
Olivet	0 14
<b>Interstate</b>	
W. Illinois	11 1
S. Illinois	8 4
E. Illinois	7 5
Ill. Normal	6 6
C. Michigan	5 7
N. Illinois	3 9
Michigan Normal	2 10
<b>Big Seven</b>	
Kansas State	9 3
Iowa State	8 4
Missouri	8 4
Colorado	7 5
Kansas	6 6
Nebraska	3 9
Oklahoma	1 11
<b>Missouri Valley</b>	
Houston	9 3
St. Louis	8 4
Oklahoma A&M	8 4
Wichita	7 5
Tulsa	4 8
Detroit	3 9
Bradley	3 9
<b>Mo.-Col. Ath. Union</b>	
Missouri Valley	10 2
Central College	9 3
William Jewell	8 4
Drury College	6 6
Culver-Stockton	5 7
Westminster	3 9
Tarkio College	1 11
<b>Central</b>	
KSTC, Pittsburg	9 1
Washburn	6 4
St. Benedict's	5 5
KSTC, Emporia	4 6
KSTC, Ft. Hays	3 7
Southwestern Col.	3 7
<b>Missouri</b>	
NE Missouri	8 2
Central Missouri	7 3
SE Missouri	6 4
SW Missouri	6 4
Missouri Mines	2 8
NW Missouri	1 9
<b>South Dakota</b>	
Northern St. Thrs.	13 3
Dakota Wesleyan	12 4
Southern St. Thrs.	11 5
Huron	9 7
Black Hills Thrs.	9 7
South Dakota Mines	7 9
Gen. Beadle Thrs.	10
Yankton Col.	4 12
Sioux Falls	2 14
<b>North Central</b>	
South Dakota State	10 2
South Dakota	9 3
North Dakota State	7 5
North Dakota	6 6
Iowa Teachers	5 7
Augustana	3 9
Morningside	2 10
<b>Oklahoma</b>	
SE Oklahoma	10 4
Oklahoma Baptist	10 4
Central Oklahoma	9 5
SW Oklahoma	8 6
E. Central Oklahoma	8 6
Phillips Univ.	5 9
NW Oklahoma	4 10
NE Oklahoma	2 12
<b>Border</b>	
Texas Tech	8 4
Texas Western	7 5
New Mexico A&M	7 5
W. Texas State	6 6
Arizona	6 6
Ariz. St. (Tempe)	5 7
Hardin-Simmons	3 9

<b>Southwest</b>	
So. Methodist	12 0
Arkansas	9 3
Rice	8 4
Texas	5 7
Texas A&M	3 9
Baylor	3 9
Texas Christian	2 10
<b>Arkansas</b>	
Arkansas A&M	12 4
Southern State	10 4
Arkansas Tech	11 5
Hendrix	9 5
Arkansas Col.	8 6
State Teachers	8 6
Ozarks	6 10
Henderson	1 13
Ouachita	1 13
<b>Gulf States</b>	
McNeese State	11 1
NW Louisiana	10 2
Louisiana Tech	7 5
SE Louisiana	7 5
NW Louisiana	4 8
SW Louisiana Inst.	2 10
Louisiana College	1 11
<b>Gulf Coast</b>	
Midwestern	6 0
Abilene Christian	4 2
N. Texas State	1 5
Trinity Univ.	1 5
<b>Lone Star</b>	
S.F. Austin State	10 2
SW Texas State	8 4
E. Texas State	8 4
Lamar Tech	7 5
Sul Ross State	6 6
Sam Houston State	2 10
Texas A&I	1 11
<b>Texas</b>	
Howard Payne	5 3
E. New Mexico	5 3
McMurry	2 6
<b>Frontier</b>	
New Mexico Western	8 2
St. Michael's	8 2
Ariz. St. (Flagstaff)	5 5
Highlands Univ.	5 5
Panhandle A&M	4 6
New Mexico Military	0 10
<b>Skyline</b>	
Utah	12 2
Brigham Young	10 4
Utah State	7 7
Colorado A&M	7 7
Denver	6 8
Wyoming	5 9
New Mexico	5 9
Montana	4 10
<b>Rocky Mountain</b>	
Idaho State	9 1
Colo. Western	7 3
Montana State Col.	6 4
Colorado State	5 5
Colorado Mines	3 7
Colorado Col.	0 10
<b>Montana Collegiate</b>	
W. Montana	9 1
Carroll	7 3
Rocky Mountain	6 4
E. Montana	6 4
N. Montana	1 9
Montana Mines	1 9
<b>Pacific Coast</b>	
U.C.L.A.	16 0
Washington	11 5
California	10 6
Stanford	10 6
So. California	9 7
Oregon	5 11
Oregon State	5 11
Idaho	4 12
Washington State	2 14
<b>California BB Assn.</b>	
San Francisco	14 0
Loyola	9 5
Col. Pacific	9 5
St. Mary's	8 6
San Jose State	8 6
Santa Clara	6 8
Fresno State	2 12
Geo. Pepperdine	0 14
<b>So. California</b>	
Occidental	7 1
Redlands	7 1
Pomona-C Claremont	3 5
Whittier	3 5
California Tech	0 8



## MAJOR TOURNAMENT WINNERS

### N.C.A.A. (FINALS)

San Francisco 83, Iowa 71  
Consolation Game  
Temple 90, So. Methodist 81

### NATIONAL INVITATIONAL

Louisville 93, Dayton 80  
Consolation Game  
St. Joseph's (Pa.) 93, St. Francis (NY) 82

### U.S. OLYMPIC PLAYOFF

Phillips 66ers 79, College All-Stars 75

### AIR FORCE

Bitburg Air Base (Germany) 62, Shaw  
(S. C.) Air Base 60

### N.A.I.A.

McNeese State 60, Texas Southern 55  
Consolation Game  
Pittsburgh State 77, Wheaton 70

### A.A.U. (DENVER)

Buchen Bakers 59, Phillips 66ers 57  
Consolation Game  
Ada (Ala.) Oilers 77, Milwaukee 76

### ALL-ARMY

Camp Chaffee 98, Fort Lewis 95

### NAT. JUNIOR COLLEGE

Kilgore Junior College 68,  
Hannibal-LaGrange 65

## HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION ALL-AMERICAN TEAMS

### FIRST TEAM

Player	College	Height	Wt.	Year	Home Town
Bill Russell	San Francisco	6'10	205	Sr.	Oakland, Cal.
Darrell Floyd	Furman	6'1	170	Sr.	Thomasville, N.C.
Robin Freeman	Ohio State	5'11	160	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Thomas Heinsohn	Holy Cross	6'7	220	Sr.	Union City, N.J.
Charles Tyra	Louisville	6'8	230	Jr.	Louisville, Ky.
Willie Naulls	U. C. L. A.	6'5	220	Sr.	San Pedro, Cal.
Leonard Rosenbluth	North Carolina	6'5	173	Jr.	Greenville, Tenn.
Harold Lear	Temple	5'11	168	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Sihugo Green	Duquesne	6'2	200	Sr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Norman Stewart	Missouri	6'4	200	Sr.	Shelbyville, Mo.

### SECOND TEAM

Bob Burrow	Kentucky	6'7	220	Sr.	Wells, Tex.
Jerry Harper	Alabama	6'8	215	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.
Richard O'Neal	Texas Christian	6'7	215	Jr.	Ft. Worth, Tex.
Julius McCoy	Michigan State	6'2	190	Sr.	Farrell, Pa.
Raymond Downs	Texas	6'4	195	Jr.	San Antonio, Tex.
Joe Holup	Geo. Wash.	6'6	221	Sr.	Swoyersville, Pa.
Rod Hundley	West Virginia	6'4	185	Jr.	Charleston, W. Va.
Ron Sobieszczyk	De Paul	6'3	190	Sr.	Cicero, Ill.
Bill Logan	Iowa	6'6	195	Sr.	Keokuk, Iowa
Art Bunte	Utah	6'3	220	Sr.	Denver, Colo.

### THIRD TEAM

Ronnie Shavlik	No. Carolina	6'8	200	Sr.	Denver, Colo.
Roger Sigler	Louisiana St.	6'3	190	Jr.	Cleves, Ohio
James Ray	Toledo	6'0	175	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio
Joe Capua	Wyoming	5'9	155	Sr.	Gary, Ind.
Bill Ebben	Detroit	6'4	190	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
Chet Forte	Columbia	5'9	145	Jr.	Hackensack, N.J.
Jim Krebs	So. Methodist	6'8	225	Jr.	Webster Groves, Mo.
William Uhl	Dayton	7'0	245	Sr.	Greenfield, Ohio
Lloyd Aubrey	Notre Dame	6'5	205	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.
Paul Judson	Illinois	6'4	172	Sr.	Hebron, Ill.

## ALL-STAR TEAMS

<b>NCAA (EVANSTON)</b>	
Lear, Temple	f
Logan, Iowa	f
Russell, San Francisco	c
Cain, Iowa	g
Perry, San Francisco	g
<b>NAT. INVIT. TOURNEY</b>	
Green, Duquesne	f
Rollins, Louisville	f
Tyra, Louisville	c
Paxson, Dayton	g
Booth, Xavier (O.)	g
<b>IVY LEAGUE</b>	
Lee, Yale	f
Judson, Dartmouth	f
Sturgis, Penn.	c
Rolls, Cornell	g
Tebbo, Brown	g
<b>ATLANTIC COAST</b>	
Shavlik, N. C. State	f
Rosenbluth, No. Carolina	f
Molodet, N.C. State	c
Davis, Wake Forest	g
Mayer, Duke	g
<b>SOUTHERN</b>	
Floyd, Furman	f
Cob, Davidson	c
Holup, Geo. Washington	f
Harrison, Richmond	g
Hundley, West Virginia	g

<b>SOUTHEASTERN</b>	
Linn, Alabama	f
Burrow, Kentucky	f
Harper, Alabama	c
Ashmore, Miss. State	g
Rochelle, Vanderbilt	g
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	
Downs, Texas	f
Whitley, Arkansas	f
Durrenberger, Rice	c
O'Neal, Texas Christian	c
Mills, So. Methodist	c
Showalter, So. Methodist	g
<b>MISSOURI VALLEY</b>	
Ebben, Detroit	f
McLaughlin, St. Louis	f
Boldebeck, Houston	c
Smith, St. Louis	g
Carter, Oklahoma A & M	g
<b>BIG SEVEN</b>	
Stewart, Missouri	f
Thompson, Iowa State	f
Parr, Kansas State	c
Kang, Kansas	g
Ranglos, Colorado	g
Crawford, Iowa State	g
Smith, Missouri	f
King, Oklahoma	c
Ekwall, Nebraska	g
Vicens, Kansas State	g

<b>SKYLINE</b>	
Capua, Wyoming	f
Bunte, Utah	f
Bergen, Utah	c
Tebbs, Brigham Young	g
Dunn, Utah State	g
<b>BIG TEN</b>	
Cain, Iowa	f
McCoy, Michigan St.	f
Bon Salle, Illinois	c
Judson, Illinois	g
Freeman, Ohio State	g
<b>BORDER</b>	
Reed, Texas Tech	f
Babers, Texas Western	f
Loomis, New Mex. A & M	c
Poss, Hardin-Simmons	g
Rogers, W. Texas State	g
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</b>	
Les Roh, Idaho State	f
Harris, Idaho State	f
Salonen, Montana St. Col.	c
Rainbolt, Colo. Western	g
Wheeler, Colo. Western	g
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	
Naulls, UCLA	f
Beck, Washington	f
Boin, Washington	c
Taft, UCLA	g
Selleck, Stanford	g

## PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

### Team Records, Home, Away, Neutral Court

	Eastern Division				Total
	Home	Away	Neutral		
Philadelphia	21-7	11-18	13-2	—	45-27
Boston	20-7	12-16	7-10	—	39-33
New York	12-16	17-13	6-8	—	35-37
Syracuse	23-8	9-20	3-9	—	35-37

	Western Division				Total
	Home	Away	Neutral		
Ft. Wayne	19-6	10-18	8-11	—	37-35
Minneapolis	18-12	6-21	9-6	—	33-39
St. Louis	16-11	10-17	7-11	—	33-39
Rochester	15-14	6-21	10-6	—	31-41

### Preliminary Play-offs

Syr. def. Bos. 92-110, 101-98, 102-97  
St. L. def. Minn. 116-115, 75-133, 116-115

### Semi-finals

Phila. def. Syr. 109-87, 118-122, 119-96, 104-108, 109-104  
Ft. Way. def. St. L. 85-86, 74-84, 107-84, 93-84,

### For World's Championship

Phila. def. Ft. Wayne 98-84, 83-84, 100-96, 107-105, 99-98

### All-League Teams

First	Second
Pettit (St. Louis)	Stokes (Rochester)
Arizin (Philadelphia)	Schayes (Syracuse)
Johnston (Philadelphia)	Lovellette (Minn'polis)
Cousy (Boston)	Martin (Minn'polis)
Sharman (Boston)	George (Philadelphia)

### N.I.B.L. (A.A.U.)

Team	G	W	L	Pct.	GB
Bartlesville	24	16	8	.667	—
Peoria	24	15	9	.625	1
Wichita	24	15	9	.625	1
Akron	24	9	15	.375	7
Milwaukee	24	5	19	.208	11

### All-N.I.B.L. Team

Burdy, Haldorson, B'ville	Wade Halbrook, Wich.
Dick Boushka, Wichita	Eddie Solomon, Peoria
Rube Schulz, Milwaukee	Les Lane, Wichita
Gene Smith, Akron	S. L. Shofner, Akron
Chuck Darling, B'ville	Arnold Short, B'ville

## SEASON'S TOP SCORERS

### PROFESSIONAL

	G	FG	F	Pts	Avg
Bob Pettit, St. Louis	72	646	557	1849	25.7
Paul Arizin, Phila.	72	617	507	1741	24.2
Neil Johnston, Phila.	70	499	549	1547	22.1
Clyde Lovellette, Minn.	71	594	338	1526	21.5
Adolph Schayes, Syr.	72	465	542	1472	20.4
Bill Sharman, Boston	72	538	358	1434	19.9
Bob Cousy, Boston	72	440	476	1356	18.8
Ed Macauley, Boston	71	420	400	1240	17.5
George Yardley, Ft. W.	71	434	365	1233	17.4
Larry Foust, Ft. W.	72	367	432	1166	16.2

### N.I.B.L.

		G	FG	F	Pts	Avg
Burdy Haldorson, B'ville	f	24	178	159	515	21.5
Rube Schulz, Milw.	f	22	116	197	429	19.5
Eddie Solomon, Peoria	g	24	134	177	445	18.6
Chuck Darling, Bartlesville	c	24	130	121	381	15.9
Dick Boushka, Wichita	f	24	135	104	374	15.6
Wade Halbrook, Wichita	c	24	129	101	359	14.9
Grant Wittberger, Milw.	c	24	128	93	349	14.5
Les Lane, Wichita	g	24	123	103	349	14.5
S. L. Shofner, Akron	g	24	126	89	341	14.2
Gene Smith, Akron	f	21	106	71	283	13.5

### COLLEGE

	G	FG	F	Pts	Avg	
William Reigel, McNeese St.	f	36	425	370	1220	33.9
Joe Miller, Alderson-Broadbus	c	34	360	366	1086	31.9
Darrel Floyd, Furman	c	28	339	268	946	33.8
Chester Webb, Georgia Thrs.	c	29	291	301	883	30.4
Robert Hopkins, Grambling	c	28	324	217	865	30.9
Dan Swartz, Morehead State	c	29	282	264	828	28.6
Rod Hundley, West Virginia	f	30	290	218	798	26.6
Richard Barnett, Tennessee A&I	f	34	306	153	765	22.5
Rudolph Poole, Glenville State	f	28	284	191	759	27.1
Shannon Sloan, Union (Tenn.)	g	26	216	324	756	29.0
Bailey Robertson, Ind. Central	g	29	310	134	754	26.0
Ben Swain, Texas Southern	c	37	293	168	754	20.4
Harold Lear, Temple	g	31	278	189	749	24.0



Close-up photo of youngsters at West Rockford (Ill.) vs. Galesburg game during state high school playoffs portrays a perfect study of mixed emotions. Rockford won this game 66-64, and went on to take Illinois state high school title.

## 1956 STATE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

STATE	WINNER	COACH	RUNNER-UP	COACH
ALA.	AA-Murphy	Herman Maisel	Greensboro	James Key
ARIZ.	A-West Limestone	Harry Richter	Hackneyville	Pascal King
ARIZ.	AA-Phoenix (Union)	Ed Long	Tucson	Tony Morales
ARK.	A-South Mountain	Leon Blevins	Phoenix (Camelback)	Bill Mann
ARK.	A-Jonesboro	Bob Bradbury	Little Rock	Lawrence Mobley
ARK.	B-Valley View	Grover Cooper	Lincoln	Ray McClelland
COLO.	AA-Greeley	Jim Baggott	Denver (Manual)	Al Oviatt
CONN.	A-Leadville	Heiko Kuhn	Fort Lupton	Lawrence Stone
FLA.	Hartford (Weaver)	Charles Horvath	Manchester	E. Zatursky
FLA.	AA-Miami (Senior)	Vince Schaefer	Tampa (Hillsboro)	Don Williams
GA.	AA-Auburndale	Richard Kendall	Delray (Seacrest)	Norman Price
GA.	AA-Columbus (Baker)	James A. Ball	(Jordan) Columbus	Hershel A. Jones
IDAHO	A-Elberton	George McMillina	Blackshear	W. C. Childs
IDAHO	A-Kellogg	Edward Hiemstra	Preston	Glen Oliverson
ILL.	B-Lapwai	Harley Williams	Nespece	Dick Pike
IND.	Rockford (West Sr.)	Alex Saudargas	Edwardsville	Joe Lucco
IND.	Indianapolis	Ray Crowe	Lafayette (Jefferson)	Marion Crawley
IOWA	(C. Attucks)			
IOWA	A-Marshalltown	Ben Trickey	Burlington	Buck Cheadle
IOWA	B-Iowa City	Donald A. Green	Tracy	Keith Peterson
KANS.	AA-Newton	J. Ravenscroft	Kansas City	Walter Shublon
KANS.	(Wyandotte)			
KANS.	A-Kansas City	William Heitholt	Lawrence	W. A. Coffin
KANS.	(Rosedale)		(Haskell Inst.)	
KY.	Carr Creek	Morton Combs	Henderson	T. L. Plain
LA.	AAA-New Orleans	Milton Clavier	New Orleans	J. J. Altobello
LA.	(Fortier)		(DeLaSalle)	
MAINE	AA-Ruston	John J. Garner	Jena	C. R. Kinard
MAINE	L-Bath (Morse)	Gene Hunter	Bangor	Frederik Barry
MAINE	M-Cape Elizabeth	Wm. T. Bonville	Lincoln (Mattanawcook Acad.)	W. Fletcher
MD.	A-Northwestern	Wm. Yarnall	Allegany	R. Eugene Shaw
MD.	B-Valley	John C. Meyers	Oxon Hill	E. Crescenze
MASS.	West. Worcester	R. H. Flaherty	Worcester	Frank Oftring
MASS.	(Commerce)		(St. Peter's)	
MASS.	East. Fall River	Luke Ushan	Winchester	Phillips
MASS.	(Durfee)			
MICH.	A-Muskegon Heights	O. E. Johnson	Hamtramck	Frank Woraniak
MICH.	B-Stephenson	Duane Gus Lord	Detroit (St. Andrew)	Nap Ross
MINN.	Minneapolis	C. W. Courtney	Blue Earth	William Holte
MINN.	(Roosevelt)			
MISS.	Nantachee	Lyle Bullard	Kossuth	
MO.	L-St. Louis	Tom Stanton	Maplewood	J. H. Sanders
MO.	(Beaumont)		(Richmond Hts.)	
MO.	M-K.C. (Pembroke	Edwin J. Ryan	Maryville	Richey and
MO.	Country Day)		(Hornace Mann)	Schenkel
MONT.	A-Butte (Central)	John Frankino	Anaconda	John Cheek
MONT.	B-St. Ignatius	Bill Clawson	Fort Benton	Les Curry
NEB.	Boys Town	M. H. Palrang	Lincoln (Northeast)	Ed Johnson
NEV.	A-Henderson (Basic)	Bob Lunt	Sparks	Lou Mendive
NEV.	B-Overton (Moapa	Jerry Brown	Bunkerville (Virgin	Wes Hughes
NEV.	Valley)		Valley)	
N.H.	A-Concord	Stanley Peters	Keene	Gilbert Wyman
N.H.	B-Gorham	Tony Guarino	Newmarket	Leo Landroche
N.J.	GR IV-Union City	George Faltings	Trenton	Fred Price
N.J.	(Union Hill)			
N.M.	GR III-Cranford	Wm. H. Martin	Penns Grove (Reg.)	Rudolph Baric
N.M.	A-Hobbs	Ralph Tasker	Carlsbad	Ralph Bowyer
N.M.	B-Santa Rosa	Mayo Armijo	Fort Sumner	Jim Burke
N.C.	AAA-Wilmington	Leon Brogden	Raleigh	Carroll King
N.C.	AA-Kinston	Amos Sexton	Sanford	Robert H. Cook
N.D.	A-Grand Forks	Fritz Engle	Grafton	Ed Clausen
N.D.	B-Fort Yates	W. E. Galuzzi	St. Thomas	Don Oyos

STATE	WINNER	COACH	RUNNER-UP	COACH
OHIO	A-Middletown	Paul Walker	Canton (McKinley)	Herman Rearick
OHIO	B-Arcanum	Glenn Harter	Columbus	Ken Neville
OKLA.	AA-Tulsa	Woodrow West	Oklahoma City	John Smith
OKLA.	(Will Rogers)		(St. Mary's)	
ORE.	A-Guthrie	A. A. Kroeger	Blackwell	Jerry Anderson
ORE.	A-1-Portland	Mel Krause	(Capitol Hill)	Frank Roelandt
ORE.	(Franklin)		Medford	
PA.	A-2-St. Helens	Ed Rooney	Ontario	George Keil
PA.	A-Farrell	E. McCluskey	Palmerton	Winton Evans
R.I.	B-Fountain Hill	Charles Dubbs	E. Pittsburgh	Albert Mihaleo
R.I.	Westerly	John Stellitano	Newport (Rogers)	Leo Crowe
S.C.	AA-Columbia	A. W. Whittinghill	Greenville (Parker)	R. Evington
S.C.	(Dreher)			
S.D.	A-Greer	Eddis Freeman	Camden	E. J. Parker
S.D.	A-Sioux Falls	Wallace M. Diehl	Rapid City	Wm. Mitchell
S.D.	(Washington)			
TENN.	B-Howard	Ron Freemole	Cresbard	Roal Ness
UTAH	Linden	Willie Hudson	Hillsboro	Hale Harris
UTAH	A-Provo	Dolan Condie	Jordan	Art Hughes
UTAH	B-Pleasant Grove	Don Crump	Bingham	Udell Wankier
VT.	Springfield	Bobo Birsy	Montpelier	George Brown
VA.	GR I-Newport News	William Chambers	Alexandria	Steve Osisek
VA.			(Geo. Washington)	
WASH.	GR II-Bluefield	L. H. Bradley	Fredericksburg	Charles Holt
WASH.	(Graham)		(J. Monroe)	
WASH.	A-Seattle (Lincoln)	Norm Dalthrop	Anacortes	Bill Taylor
W.VA.	B-Zillah	Von Dickinson	Port Townsend	Bruce Blevins
W.VA.	A-East Bank	Roy Williams	Morgantown	Jack Roberts
WIS.	B-Barrackville	William Bloeser	Piedmont	William Miers
WIS.	Shawano	John Kenney	Appleton	Richard Emanuel
WYO.	A-Cheyenne	C. H. Blanchard	Casper	Oscar Erickson
ALASKA	Ketchikan		Anchorage	Bud Ottmar
CAN.	L-Fredericton	Edward Cameron	St. Malachy's	T. J. Higgins
N.B.	M-Woodstock	R. J. Barrett	Dalhousie	James L. Fox
N.S.	A-Halifax (Queen	Alf Johnson	Amherst (Reg.)	
N.S.	Eliz.)			
N.S.	B-New Waterford	Rob't MacDonald	Antigonish	
N.S.	(Cen.)			
ONT.	Windor (Assumption)	Fr. Matt Sheedy	London (Sir Adam	Roger Macaulay
ONT.			Beck Col. Inst.)	
SASK.	Moose Jaw (Tech.)	Nick Patola	Saskatoon	Robert Adams
SASK.			(Nutana Collegiate)	

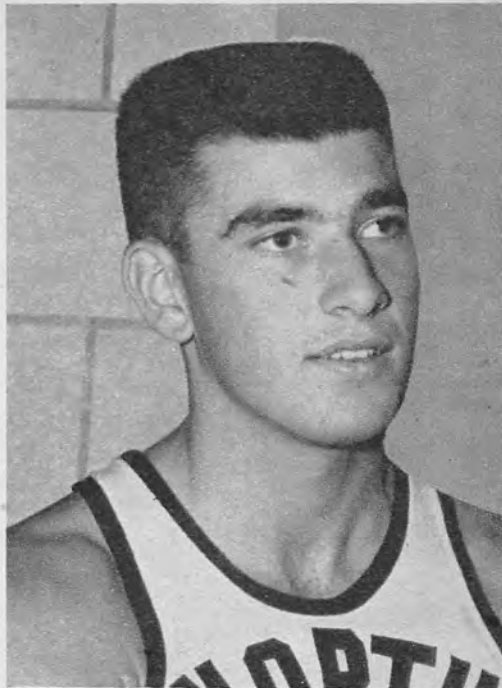
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Lou Wilke (2nd from right), president of the National Industrial Basketball League welcomes officials of Denver-Chicago Trucking Co., newest entry in NIBL. From left-Johnny Dee, team coach; George J. Kolowich, Jr., company pres.; Wilke; and Jerry Groom, team mgr. Dee formerly coached U. of Ala.



6-4 Jerry Vayda, former University of North Carolina star forward and team captain, will add scoring power to the Truckers' attack.

## FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

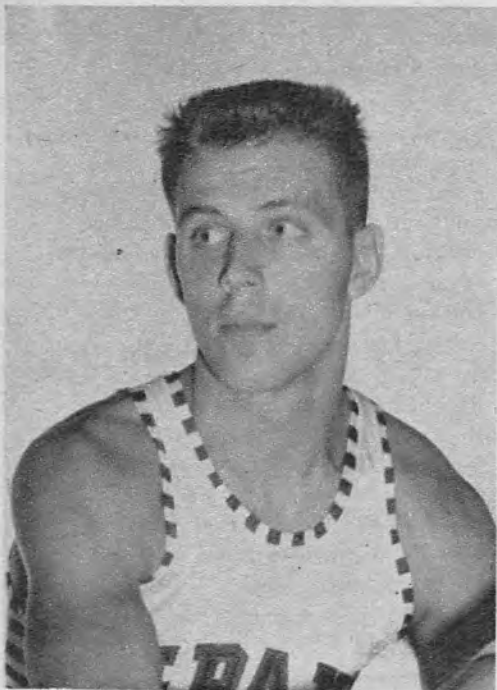
Getting the right men to do the job properly is proven formula George Kolowich has used to build Denver-Chicago Trucking Co. into one of nation's most successful cartage concerns. And, he's building a winning NIBL basketball team by the same formula!

Terry Rand (center), All-American at Marquette last season, is welcomed to D-C Company and team by Dick Eicher (left), 1956 AAU All-American. Company president Kolowich expresses approval of his two outstanding basketball players.



6-6 Bill Logan, former Iowa All-American center, will combine his basketball prowess with a business career for D-C Trucking Co.





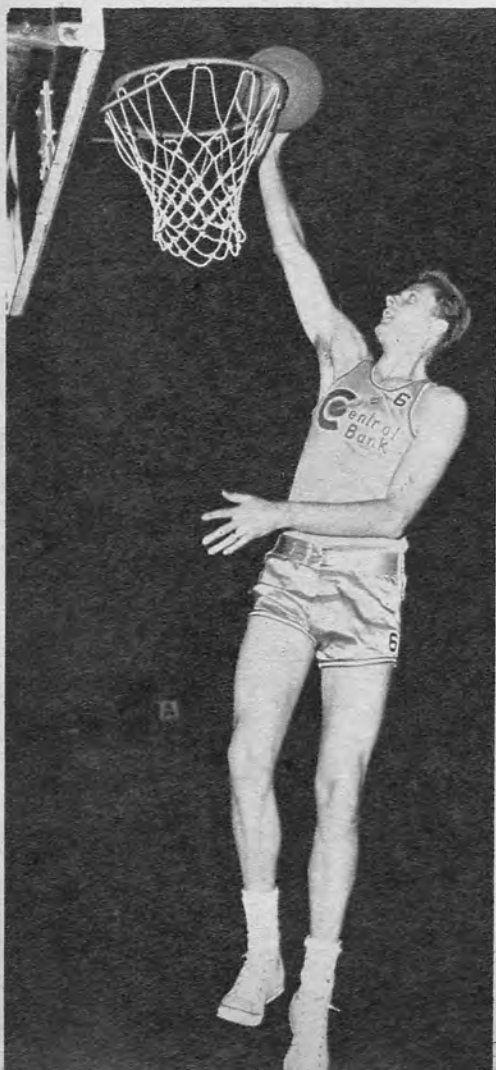
Ken Jaksy, brilliant 6-5 center from Chicago's DePaul University, should be a top performer for the D-C Truckers this year.



Coach Johnny Dee (left), and two of his basketball stalwarts, Leon Marlaire (center) and Jerry Vayda, display the attractive Truckers' uniform. Marlaire was an outstanding defensive star for Coach Dee at University of Alabama.

Ben Gibson, 6-9 player with 4 years NIBL experience, will team with Rand at center to give Truckers strong pivot combination.

As a former Notre Dame football great Jerry Groom (right), Truckers' team manager, is accustomed to winning. And, a step in that direction was getting Art Bunte (left), All-American Utah cage star to join the D-C organization.



# DON'T LET THE NAME FOOL YOU!

The name "Darling" takes on a different meaning when talking about Chuck Darling, Phillips 66 center. For, Chuck's superb team play and high-scoring proficiency make him a rugged competitor.

by **GEORGE DURHAM**

**W**HEN Chuck Darling's name crops up in Phillips 66 basketball "bull sessions," as it's bound to do repeatedly, one game in particular will dominate the talk . . . . . the big center's last outing of the 1955-56 season.

The night was April 4, 1956, in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium. The opponents were the College All-Stars, coached by Bucky O'Connor, and manned by such aces as San Francisco's Bill Russell and K. C. Jones; Dayton's Jim Paxson and Bill Uhl; Iowa's Carl Cain; Paul Judson, of Illinois; Vic Molodet, of North Carolina State; Chuck Rolles, of Cornell; Bill Riegel, of McNeese (La.) State; John McCarthy, of Canisius; Willie Naulls, of UCLA; Bob Burrow, of Kentucky, Hal Lear, of Temple; and Gary Bergen, of Utah.

At stake was the 1956 United States Olympic Playoff championship. Faced with the prospect of battling the fabled 6'10" Russell, Darling's thoughts before the game were known only to himself. Everybody knew Darling had the "equipment." He'd been All-American at Iowa (under O'Connor, incidentally) in 1952. Three times with Phillips he has been AAU All-American. He has been elected to the National Industrial Basketball League all-star team each of his four years; he has been the NIBL's leading scorer one year and has twice been voted the loop's most valuable player award. But, everybody wondered, what could he do against one of the finest defensive centers in the history of basketball?

As it developed, Darling played probably the finest game of his long career. It was his 195th game for the

66ers and he came through with 21 points and 10 rebounds, two points and three rebounds better than Russell. Phillips won the game and the play-

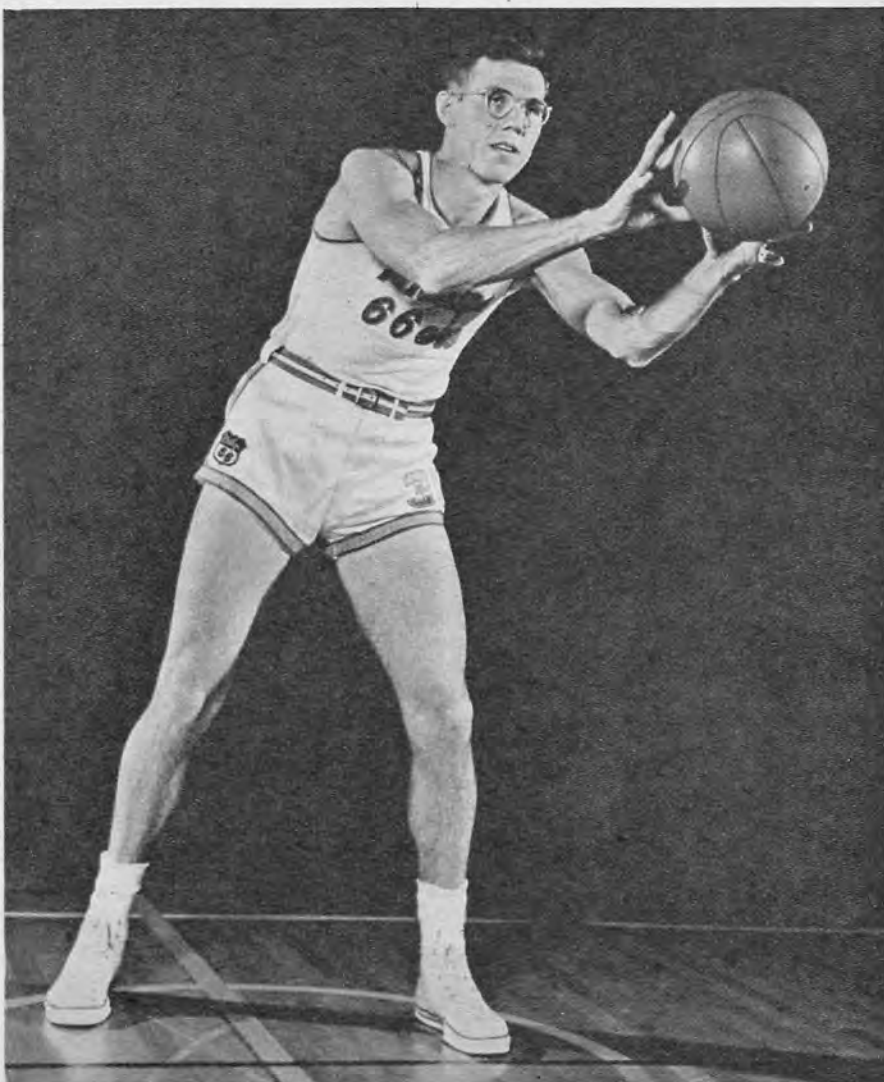
offs, 79-75. It marked the first time any team has won the playoffs more than once. Phillips also won in 1948.

An ironical note accompanied Darling's great performance. All-Star coach O'Connor had to watch one of his former Iowa players help knock him out of the U. S. head coaching position. After the game, the affable O'Connor had nothing but praise for Darling.

"Darling beat us," O'Connor confirmed to newsmen. "He played the finest game I have ever seen him play." Bucky had indicated his high regard for the "Chucker" in pre-playoff bantering during a coaches' meeting in the hotel Muehlebach. Tucker had ribbed him about not letting his All Stars be too tough on Darling.

"Don't try to kid me, coach," O'Connor replied, "I know what that Darling can do."

Darling was a big spark in the Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia.



One of the greatest in a long line of great Phillips 66 centers, Chuck Darling's well-stacked 225 pounds on a 6-9 frame give him plenty of power.



in December. Phillips coach Gerald Tucker served as head coach for the U. S. A. team. Four other 66ers, Jim Walsh, Burdy Haldorson, Bob Jean-gerard, and Bill Hougland, also were Olympic players. Hougland, by the way, joined the former Phillips leg-endarious center, Bob Kurland, as the only U. S. player to play in two Olym-pic Games. Kurland played in 1948 and 1952, and Hougland played in 1952 while with Kansas U.

Darling's 15.5 average for 195 games with the 66ers ranks second only to Burdy Haldorson's 18.3 in 53 games during the latter's first season with Phillips. Despite the bespectacled Darling's scoring proficiency, he has led Phillips scorers only one season . . . in 1953-54, his second season.

In 1952-53, Clyde Lovellette con-nected for 944 compared to Darling's 902. In 1953-54, Darling scored 696 points to Bob Likens' 259. Arnold Short scored 717 points to Darling's 712 in 1954-55. In 1955-56, Darling's 713 was second to Haldorson's record-breaking 966 points.

Peoria, Ill., basketball fans will not soon forget a torrid splurge by Darling against the Peoria Cats in the camp of the 66ers' NIBL arch-enemy on the afternoon of February 26, 1956. The 66ers trailed by seven points at half-time, although Darling had been hav-ing a fine day. In the second half, however, he pulled the trigger all the way back. In those final 20 minutes, he poured in 24 points, but Phillips lost, 87-86. In the final second, his 20-foot desperation hook rimmed the hoop but rolled out. In 17 attempts, Darling hit 14 field goals and popped in 10 for 10 at the free throw line as he chalked up 38 points, tying his all-time high scored four years earlier. It was only three points short of Haldorson's Phillips record of 41.

Darling is one of the sparkling ex-amples of the Phillips basketball pro-gram, through which Phillips Petro-leum Company has gained dozens and dozens of highly responsible employ-ees. In his college days, Darling earned Phi Beta Kappa honors while obtain-ing his degree in geological engineer-ing. Since joining Phillips, he has spent one summer in Alaska and another in the Texas Panhandle with exploration crews. He is one of the more highly regarded young geologists in the com-pany's land and geological department, and many of his weekends are spent on a "busman's holiday." He often hikes through the rugged Osage Hills coun-



In championship game of U.S. Olympic playoffs Chuck Darling gets a rebound. Darling led Phillips 66 to 79-75 win over College All-Stars in this contest.

try around Bartlesville, collecting rock samples and studying different earth formations.

In early season exhibition games, the 66ers usually play several colleges in Oklahoma and nearby states, and travel in cars for many of these games. While driving from Springfield, Mo., to Eureka Springs, Ark., two years ago, the team passed through part of the scenic Ozarks. During a lunch stop, one of the players approached Tucker and asked to change from Darling's car.

"He'll kill us all," moaned the player. "He spends all of his time looking around at those crazy rocks while he's driving . . . even on the curves!"

During a particularly long flight on one of the team's trips the past season, the chartered DC-3 was engulfed in dense instrument weather for several hours. To relieve the monotony of looking out at the solid gray fog en-casing the plane, several of the 66ers were paired off in gin rummy games . . . four of them were playing bridge . . . a few were reading books and magazines. Darling, normally one of the top bridge hands, had a pencil out and was writing on a piece of folded newspaper. Tucker, wandering down the aisle, stopped to see if he could help (more likely hinder) Darling with the crossword puzzle.

"Oh, no!" Tucker yelled, clasp-

ing his head between his hands and stag-gering to a vacant seat. Darling was using the folded newspaper to hold a piece of paper on which he was draw-ing diagrams of anticlines, earth faults, and stratigraphic traps. Those, for the layman's benefit, are types of oil traps in the earth.

Chuck and his attractive wife Kay, a registered nurse whom he met at Iowa U., live in a duplex in Penning-ton Hills, a new housing development on the edge of Bartlesville, alongside two other Phillips basketball families, the Ray Steiners and Bob Matticks. During the past summer, the Steiners had their second baby, and the Mat-ticks have a strapping young son about 18 months old. To add to "Kidville", the Darlings were expecting a visit from Mr. Stork about Olympic time.

Oddly enough, although Darling is one of the all-time greats in basketball, he is not an "all-sports" fan. Just prior to leaving for a nationally televised quiz show to raise money for the Olym-pic Fund, it was suggested that if his categories should happen to be sports, he was "in."

"Not unless it's on basketball or track," Darling laughed. "The only reason I even read a summer sports page is to check track meet results." Shades of Abner Doubleday! His in-

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terest in track is natural . . . he was a two-year letterman in the field events at Iowa. (Incidentally, sports was not in the TV quiz and Darling and his partner, Miss Carin Cone, girl swimming champion, won \$1,980 for the Olympic Fund.)

One of the most universally and genuinely liked performers in the NIBL during his four years, Darling never has had a beef with an opponent or referee . . . in fact, Tucker often wished he would get a little bit mad at

opponents once in a while. Regardless of the hot rivalries between Phillips and the Peoria Cats, Milwaukee Allen-Bradleys, Akron Goodyear Wingfoots, and others, Darling has been repeatedly applauded for his superlative play on opposing courts.

In the past few months, Darling (6'9") has taken up golf, as has Bob Mattick (6'10"). It's a rare sight, indeed, to see a foursome of Darling, Mattick, Chet Noe (6'7") and Bill

Houglund (6'5") whacking around Sunset Country Club. It's even a rarer sight when Steiner or team manager Ted Roberts substitutes for one of them. Steiner is 5'11" and Roberts 5'4." Steiner, the best golfer of the entire crew, describes Darling's fortunes on the links:

"Just like on the basketball floor . . . Chuck's one of the greatest hookers of all time."

THE END



Chuck Darling (white uniform) lets a left-handed shot go that scored two points for Phillips 66 in game against Goodyear Wingfoots on 66ers' home court in Bartlesville, Okla. Hank Daubenschmidt (45), Wingfoots, couldn't block shot.





Before packed house in Hull, England, the Mayor tosses up ball to start game between Globetrotters and Texas Cowboys. Two centers are Woodrow Souldsberry (left), Globetrotters, and Bob Peterson. Referee stands next to Mayor.

## The World Is Their Home Court

by BILL MARGOLIS

**Harlem Globetrotters have circled the earth in their basketball journeys, and have been enthusiastically received by huge crowds in fifty foreign countries.**

**T**HIS is the thirtieth successive season of star-spangled exploits for the mighty Harlem Globetrotters Basketball Team, and Owner-Coach Abe Saperstein is seeing to it that the anniversary isn't going unnoticed.

If anything, he has set about to make it one of the biggest years in the great Negro quintet's history.

Five years ago, to celebrate the team's twenty-fifth anniversary, he personally led them on a record-breaking around-the-world jaunt, the first ever made by a basketball team. Now he's having his men circle the globe in relay fashion, using three separate

units. One of them already has toured Europe and the Middle East, winning all 98 games played in 21 countries last summer, and another, at the same time, sweeping through to 63 triumphs in 17 countries of South America, Central America and some of the islands of the Caribbean area.

A third unit is completing the swing this winter, taking in Australia and New Zealand, some of the other islands of the Pacific and moving into the Far East.

On the home front, too, Saperstein is making sure that the anniversary is being properly observed. He has

placed in domestic competition what he considers one of the finest teams in Globetrotter history.

They're admittedly the greatest basketball exhibitionists in the world, but the Harlem Globetrotters also can more than hold their own with the best when the chips are down.

Proof of this is the annual World Series of Basketball, pitting Abe Saperstein's clever Globetrotters each April in a whirlwind transcontinental series, made by chartered airliners, against the pick of the College All-Americans of the season just ended.

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## New Team In N.I.B.L. Threatens Phillips 66 Supremacy

by JAMES P. BANKS

Denver-Chicago Truckers are loaded with stars, and with "Duke of Dixie" in drivers seat, the team is all set to roll on road toward N.I.B.L. championship.

**L**AST May, when President George J. Kolowich Jr. hired Alabama's highly successful Johnny Dee to coach Denver Chicago Trucking Company's new entry in the National Industrial Basketball League his challenging directive was: "For Denver fans, amateur basketball's finest team by 1960."

Today, there is a growing feeling among NIBL coaches that the "Duke of Dixie" might just possibly have that team this winter.

For the Truckers to lay claim to such

ranking, however, will take a lot of doing.

First, there's the matter of dethroning the Phillips 66ers after eight years as NIBL champions. No freshman team has finished first in the league since the Oklahomans entered the circuit in 1948. With the 66ers tougher than ever, and the other NIBL clubs in much the same pleasant sort of shape, Dee's Truckers have a real barrier here.

Then comes the climactic National

AAU Tournament in March, complete with all its patented pitfalls for the seeded ones. To falter in this competition, especially after a successful NIBL campaign, would be like denying Denver fans the frosting for their cake. Denverites have longed for an AAU title since 1942 when the Denver American Legion team took it all.

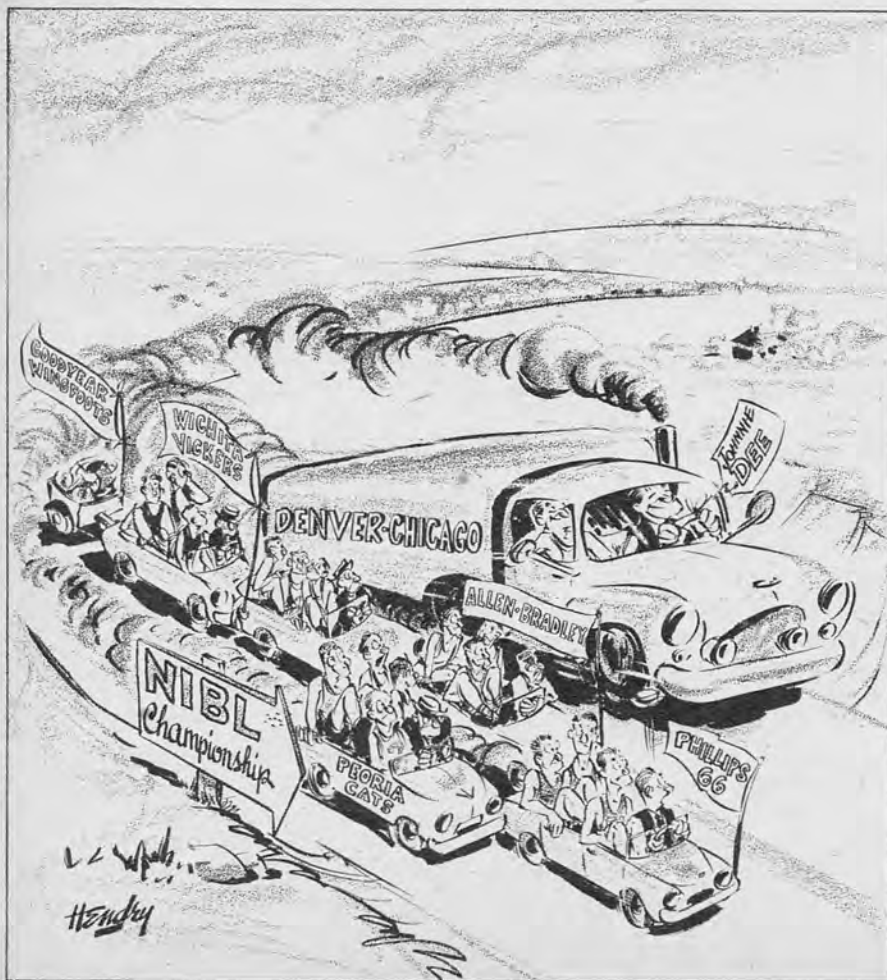
"We are on record as believers in the old adage that 'Rome wasn't built in a day,'" stated Dee shortly after joining the coast-to-coast trucking firm. "Ours is a four-year plan, with Denver representation in the 1960 Olympics at Rome as our goal.

"But this doesn't mean that we are going to drag our feet in developing a ball club."

Joining forces with an old Notre Dame friend, Jerry Groom, one-time Irish and Chicago Cardinals grid star who is D-C's public relations director, Dee moved quickly.

Arrangements were completed with Max Brooks, president of the Denver Central Bank & Trust Company for a "loan" of the services of forwards Dick Eicher (6-5, Eastern Washington) and Jim Hoverder (6-5, Central Missouri), center Ben Gibson (6-9, St. Marys) and guards Ron Bennink (6-2, Washington State) and Frankie Kuzara (5-9, San Francisco), all members of the disbanded bank team, an AAU power for four seasons. This tremendous contribution by Central Bank gave Dee a strong nucleus of players with proven NIBL experience.

From college ranks, the Dee-Groom recruiting duo culled the services of 6-6 Bill Logan, Iowa All-American center; Ken Jasky, DePaul star; Art Bunte, 6-4, harddriving Utah All-American; Joe Capua, 5-9, sharpshooting Wyoming guard; Jerry Vayda, 6-4, an All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection from North Carolina; Leon Marlaire, 6-1. Dee's court general at



Truckers' entry in NIBL will make title race close and spirited all the way.



Bama; and as the plum, the much-in-demand Terry Rand, towering 6-9 Marquette center and 1956 AAU All-American who decided to forego a professional career with the Minneapolis Lakers to join D-C and continue his work on a law degree at the University of Denver.

In the short space of two months, Dee had the makings. His experienced quintet from Central Bank was a remarkable boon for a first-year coach. Marlaire and Capua, with Bennink and Kuzara, the latter twice an NIBL All-Star and AAU All-American, give the Truckers excellent backcourt strength; Rand, backed by Gibson, means a center post as good as you'll find in the NIBL; while Bunte and Vayda, in combination with Hoverder and Eicher, both AAU All-Americans, gives Dee plenty of offensive and rebounding strength up front.

Considering the talent on the D-C roster and the ability of the 32-year-old Dee to make the most of his material, rival NIBL coaches predict the Truckers will make a tremendous run for the league title this winter.

The opportunity for D-C's Kolowich to move in on Denver's AAU basketball situation presented itself in April when Central Bank decided to discontinue its cage program. The move left the Mile High City, long the stronghold of AAU basketball, without representation, an appalling turn of events as far as Denverites were concerned.

Without waiting for Denver newspapers and the regional AAU group to take up the hue and cry for a sponsor, Kolowich made his move. He recognized the team's value to his company as an excellent community service vehicle. Too, he realized its import as an advertising and public relations tool. But of primary consideration was the opportunity the team afforded his company for attracting college-trained personnel with proven leadership capabilities.

The young trucking magnate, who in five years has brought his company from a 14 million dollar operation to an expected 25 million dollar business this year, appointed Groom as general manager of the team, then hired Dee to work in D-C's legal department and to serve as head coach.

For Dee it was a dream come true. In March, the former Notre Dame star had resigned his coaching position at Alabama to pursue a career in industry. Now, out of the blue, he was in

position to mix coaching with the utilization of other abilities.

"I spent seven years getting my law degree while coaching," Dee related. "Denver Chicago has given me the chance to make the investment start paying off."

Kolowich's decision to maintain Denver representation in AAU basketball, and the ability of Messrs. Dee and Groom to recruit a strong contender almost overnight means much to the top-rated industrial league.

"Not only has the NIBL returned its western focal point to Denver after a year's lapse, the league, as a six-team entity, is stronger than it has ever been," related NIBL President Lou Wilke, ranking AAU official and Phillips Petroleum Company sales executive. "Balance of the league couldn't be better."

Despite serious player losses in several quarters, league coaches are, in the main, optimistic about the 1956-57 season. Experienced hands have been retained and some outstanding first-year personnel added from college ranks.

A capsule perusal of NIBL teams reflect this balance.

**WICHITA VICKERS** (Sponsor: Vickers Petroleum Co., Wichita, Kans.—Despite a fine first-year in the NIBL in which the Vickers finished in a second place tie with the Peoria Cats, one game off the winning pace, the team was severely handicapped by the lack of an adequate second line center to relieve 7-3 Wade "Swede" Halbrook, former Oregon State All-American who turned in an outstanding rookie year.

Coach Gene Johnson, who describes this year's squad as "taller, faster and more flexible," has brought in Don Boldebeck, a heralded seven-footer from the University of Houston, to correct his pivot situation.

Only break in the Vickers starting crew of Cleo Littleton, Dick Boushka, Les Lane, Nick Revon and Halbrook is the loss of Boushka to the armed forces. In his rookie season, the former St. Louis University All-American earned NIBL All-Star honors, along with Lane and Halbrook, and a place on the U. S. Olympic squad. Boushka is the principle loss.

Holdovers: Jerry Mullen (6-7, San Francisco), Nick Romanoff (6-7, Pacific), Bob Kinney (6-0, Kansas), Littleton (6-2, Wichita), Lane (5-10,



Chuck Darling (R.), Phillips 66, fires hook shot for a score despite guarding of Vickers' 7-3 Wade Halbrook.

Oklahoma), Revon (5-9, Mississippi Southern) and Halbrook.

Newcomers: Dave Piontek (6-5, Xavier), Roger Craft (6-7, Kansas State), Wally Ziemba (6-0, Wayne), Bruce Palmer (6-2, Pittsburg, Kan., STC), and Lafayette Norwood (5-8, Southwestern, Kans., College).

**PEORIA CATS** (Sponsor: Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill.)—Unexpected loss to unseeded Pasadena  
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Mirror Glaze in second round of National AAU Tournament blotted an otherwise fine season for the Cats. Peorians thrilled to the club's stretch drive that almost overhauled Phillips for NIBL tie.

Faced with the loss of Eddie Solomon (6-2, West Virginia Tech), whose brilliant play earned him NIBL most valuable player honors, forwards Russ Lawler (6-8, Stanford) and Dick Retherford (6-7, Baldwin-Wallace) Retherford (6-7, Baldwin-Wallace) and two-time All-American Don Schlundt (6-10, Indiana), a late-season addition. Coach Warren Womble is nonetheless in an optimistic frame of mind.

His additions are terrific. The group includes Jim Bingham, 6-6, a two-year star with the Quantico Marines, and Jack Adams, 6-4, both from Eastern Kentucky; Paul Judson, 6-4, splendid Illinois guard; Jim Paxson, 6-6, much-in-demand Dayton forward; and Joe Stratton (6-0, Colgate), a fine playmaker who was named the outstanding player in the Pan-American Games while with Peoria two seasons ago.

"We have to rebuild, of course," relates Womble, "but the squad is well-balanced, has height and speed. Potentially, it could be one of our better teams."

Holdovers: Bill Johnson (6-8, Nebraska), B. H. Born (6-9, Kansas), John Prudhoe (6-10, Louisville), Dean Kelley (6-0, Kansas) and Elmer Tolson (6-5, Eastern Kentucky).

Newcomers: Jack Gower (6-4, Bradley), Howie Crittenden (6-1, Murray State), V. R. Barnhouse (6-2, Oklahoma A&M), Bingham, Adams, Paxson, Judson and Stratton.

### MILWAUKEE ALLEN-BRADLEYS

(Sponsor: Allen-Bradley Co., Milwaukee, Wis.)—Inadequate bench strength and weakness at guard cost Allen-Bradleys a better standing in the NIBL. Plugging weaknesses by adding Marquette's Rand and Dick Miller, talented Wisconsin guard, Coach Wally Sprangers took his team to a fourth place finish in the National AAU Tournament, finest showing ever at Denver for an A-B team. Both Rand and Miller won AAU All-American honors.

Five returnees, a group that includes forward Rube Schulz (6-7, Marquette), an NIBL All-Star who averaged 19.5 points in his first season, Grant Wittberger (6-7, Marquette), two-time NIBL scoring leader, and guard Tom Hyland (6-0, Drake), gives Sprangers

an effective, well-coached nucleus.

Addition of Ted Hall, 6-6, a versatile performer from St. Thomas College, center George Wolz (6-9, Lake Forest) and guard Don Bugalski (6-0, Marquette) could prove the answer to several problems as far as Sprangers is concerned. Further additions to the squad are anticipated.

Principle loss is Russ Wittberger (6-7, Marquette), a capable scorer and rebounder. Retired is guard Bob Davis, after eight years with the A-B entry.

Holdovers: Don Doolin (6-0, Colorado State), Dick Noonan (5-10, Whitewater, Wis. STC), Schulz, Grant Wittberger and Hyland.

Newcomers: Hall, Wolz and Bugalski.

### GOODYEAR WINGFOOTS

(Sponsor: The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio)—Inability to defeat Wichita in six meetings proved costly to the Wings' NIBL chances. Despite inadequate bench, Goodyear was 3-3 with Phillips, 4-2 with Milwaukee and 2-4 with Peoria. Guard S. L. Shofner (6-3, Central Oklahoma) set eight Wing records in brilliant offensive showing. He was named to NIBL All-Star squad, along with hard-working forward Gene Smith (6-4, Xavier).

Despite retirement of starters Hank Daubenschmidt (6-8, St. Francis), Carl Hartman (5-11, Alderson-Broadus) and Smith, Coach Hank Vaughn has recruited well. Interesting pack of newcomers, which includes Bill Seaburg, 6-0, and Sharm Scheuereman, 6-2, Iowa's starting guards, gives Vaughn the height and depth he missed last year.

Group includes Vic Molodet, 5-11, polished North Carolina State guard; Ron Mayer, 6-4, and Junior Morgan, 6-7, both of Duke; Rice's Joe Durrenberger, 6-6; Marshall's powerful rebounder, 6-5 Chuck Slack; and George Swyers (6-3, West Virginia Tech), 1956 AAU All-American while with the Seattle Buchan Bakers.

Firm nucleus of veterans includes Dick Walls (6-7, Miami), burly 270-pound center who is starting his fourth season, Dick Howard (6-6, Western Reserve) and Gary Shivers (6-9, Houston).

Holdovers: Jack Dawson (6-2, Western Reserve), Pete Kinkead (5-11, Geneva), Shofner, Walls, Howard and Shivers.

Newcomers: Gene Carpenter (6-8, Texas Tech), Paul Brownlee (6-4, Steubenville College), John Mojzer (6-5, W&J), Dick Barr (6-2, Findlay), Bob Mau (6-5, Iowa), Mayer, Morgan, Durrenberger, Slack, Swyers, Molodet, Seaburg and Schuereman.

**PHILLIPS 66ers** (Sponsor: Phillips Petroleum Co., Bartlesville, Okla.)—The 66ers will be a month late in getting to their NIBL schedule due to the team's Olympic commitment at Melbourne, Australia, in late November. Although Coach Gerald Tucker is wont to be a little pessimistic about the late start, the delay shouldn't impose any real hardship on the 66ers. The club is well-stocked with veterans and some prize rookies on hand shouldn't require many practice sessions to get in the swing of things.

Despite the potential evident in the squads at Peoria and Wichita and the promise of the Denver Truckers, Tucker's Oklahomans must be rated the team to beat in both NIBL and AAU play this winter.

Heading a list of nine holdovers is Chuck Darling (6-9, Iowa), the four-time NIBL All-Star and AAU All-American center who turned in a classic performance in outdueling San Francisco's Bill Russell during April's Olympic trials.

Back, too, are AAU All-Americans Burdy Halderson, 6-8 forward-center from Colorado who set several NIBL records in his rookie season last year, and Jim Walsh (6-4, Stanford), for two years a world of strength for the 66ers in the backcourt.

Other holdovers: Bill Hougland (6-5, Kansas), Bob Mattick (6-10, Oklahoma A&M), Chet Noe (6-7, Oregon), Ray Steiner (5-11, St. Louis), Jim Buchanan (6-0, Nebraska) and Joe Dean (6-2, LSU). Principle losses are Arnold Short (6-3, Oklahoma City), an NIBL All-Star, and Bob Jeangerard (6-3, Colorado), a member of the Olympic team. Both men are in service.

Phillips' impressive group of first-year men includes Jerry Harper, 6-7, and George Linn, 6-4, former Alabama stars who won AAU All-American rating for leading the 'Bama-staffed Mobile Ada Oilers to a third place finish in the National AAU Tournament; Dick Miller, the Wisconsin guard who was similarly honored by the AAU for his play with Milwaukee; Jim Ranglos (6-4, Colorado) and Jim Reed (6-4, Texas Tech), both forwards, and



guard Dallas Dobbs (5-11, Kansas).

Had they not stumbled in the AAU Tournament finals against the Seattle Buchan Bakers, losing a 59-57 thriller, the 66ers would have achieved amateur basketball's "triple slam" during the 1955-56 season by winning top honors in NIBL, AAU Tournament and Olympic playoff competition. Performance of the Oklahoma wrecking crew was impressive nonetheless.

The 66ers averaged 90.2 points a game to win the NIBL championship for the eighth time. Tied by Peoria late in the season as the result of an unprecedented four-game losing streak, Tucker's crew snapped out of it to crush the Cats, 108-90, on March 8, at Bartlesville, then punished the visiting Goodyear Wings, 106-82, four days later, to win the title free and clear.

Ten days later at Denver, Seattle's Buchan Bakers, unheard of but not to be denied, checked the 66ers around the boards and benefited from some excellent outside shooting by Chuck Koon (6-0, Washington) and Swyers to defeat Phillips in the finals of the 49th AAU men's tournament, 59-57.

In a fitting finale to the 1956-57 season, a most memorable one for followers of amateur basketball, Seattle and Phillips, as AAU Tournament finalists, engaged the Service All-Stars and College All-Stars, in a three-day tournament at Kansas City that determined the U. S. Olympic team.

In a spirited meeting, Phillips overcame an opening-game loss to the Service All-Stars to defeat Seattle, 72-64, and the College All-Stars, 79-75. Oddly enough, it required an 82-79 Buchan victory over the servicemen to give the 66ers a winning edge.

Under the International Basketball Federation formula, won-lost tied teams are separated by point differentials in games involving the tied teams. Seattle's victory over the Armed Forces, its only triumph in the three-day event, averted a possible three-way tie that would have given the collegians the title by one point.

After posting victories over Seattle and the Service All-Stars, the collegians fell 13 points behind early in their decisive contest with Phillips and never caught up.

The thrilling Olympic Trials, played before enthusiastic 7,500-plus crowds in Kansas City's huge Municipal Auditorium, brought the curtain down on

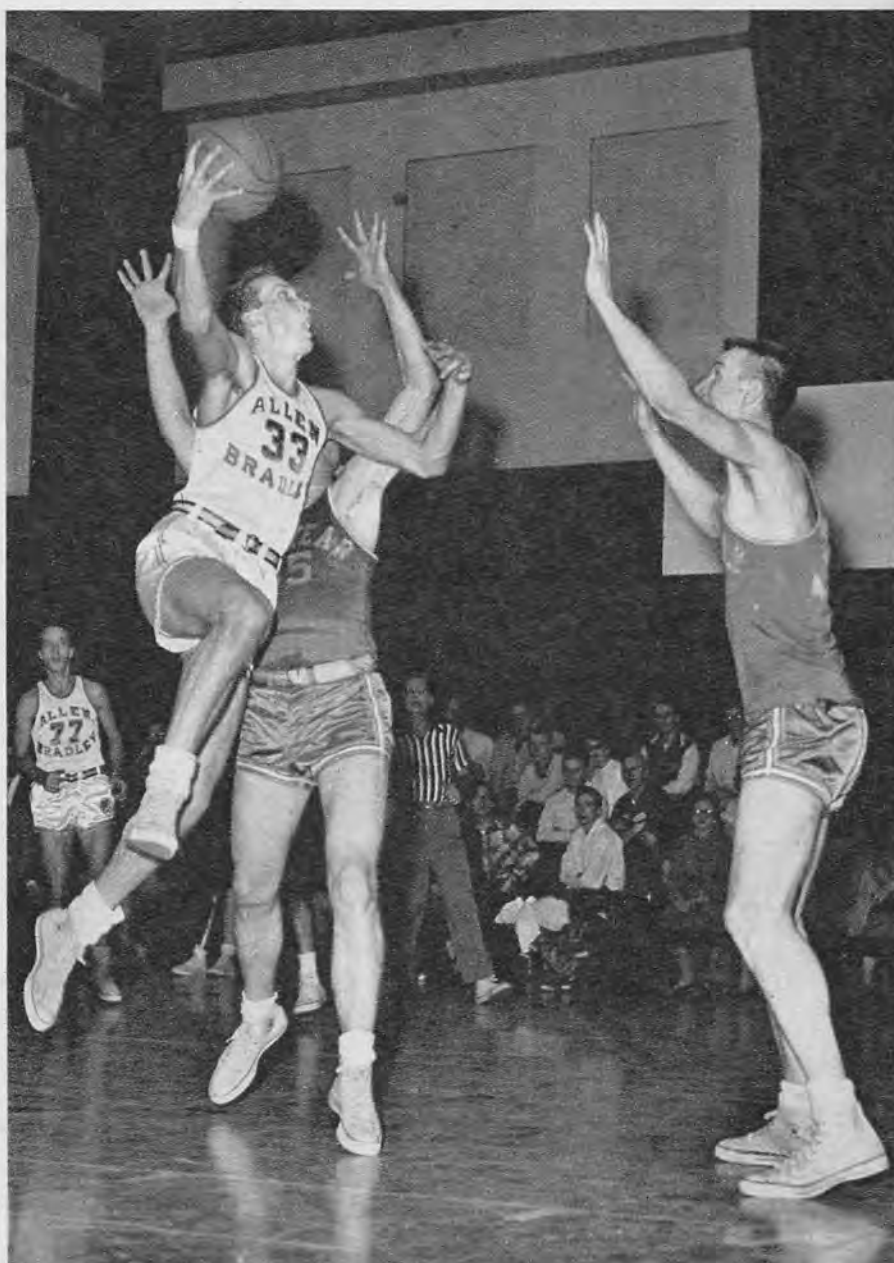
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Desirous of splitting the league into eastern and western divisions by the 1957-58 season, NIBL directors already have discussed franchise details with interested companies and civic committees in Omaha, Des Moines, East Chicago, Ind., Chicago, Jackson, Miss. and Jacksonville, Fla., among other cities.

"We are eager to talk with all interested parties," Wilke continued. "A three-man committee has been established to handle the NIBL's expansion program.

Interested persons may contact either James W. Vickers, vice president, the Vickers Petroleum Co., Inc., P.O. Box 2240, Wichita, Kans.; James P. Banks, public relations, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 1144 East Market St., Akron 16, Ohio, or Wilke.



Two Goodyear Wingfoots, Hank Daubenschmidt (R.) and Dick Walls try to stop Milwaukee Allen-Bradley's Rube Schulz on drive for score. Rube made the shot.

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year's show could be even better. The Olympic performance of the U. S. team is a sure-fire first act.

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# The ROYAL STOKER

**Maurice Stokes, Rochester Royals' star who won 1956 NBA Rookie of the Year award, could become one of the all-time pro greats.**

by DAVE WARNER

**B**EFORE the whistle blew opening play in the National Basketball Association last season, the acknowledged golden boy among the league's prize rookie crop was the Philadelphia Warriors' Tom Gola.

That was understandable enough. Talented Tommy had captured the headlines as a member of LaSalle College team which won the NCAA title. And when the Warriors obtained draft rights to him, everyone said it was like getting a chunk of Fort Knox. But as good as Tom is, he still had plenty of publicity help from the Philadelphia and New York press.

When they started playing for keeps in the pro league, the rookie who made them all stand up and take notice was Maurice (The Magnificent) Stokes, a fine Negro athlete from out of St. Francis College of Loretto, Pa.

Few people knew where St. Francis College was. The college's stationery describes it simply as the college in the pines. But Stokes put the school on the map.

Now the big guy from Pittsburgh who plays for the NBA's Rochester Royals is being talked up by basketball people everywhere as the best window dressing the pro league has had since large George Mikan.

Al Cervi, the fiery coach of the Syracuse Nats, was holding court once for the press in his dressing room, and the question was put, "Al, who do you consider the best rookie in the league?"

"Well," Al said without hesitating, "the answer has got to be Stokes. But it could go further than that. He may very well be the best player in the league."

This remark was passed after Maurice had been in the league less than a month. It is a rare tribute when you can get any pro coach to offer that kind of praise on a rookie on such short notice. These coaches are too used to watching All-American collegians come into the league and fizzle as pros.

Cervi's words carried a lot of weight later when Stokes was the only rookie in the league chosen to play in the

All-Star game. Still later he was voted Rookie of the Year.

"That Stokes does things with the ball," observed Joe Lapchick, former coach of the New York Knickerbockers. "He makes the play, he moves inside and outside. You try to figure him playing against somebody like Dolph Schayes of Syracuse, and he doesn't come out badly."

Lapchick has a lasting picture of Stokes, for it was against the Knicks that Stokes officially broke in like a burglar into pro basketball. "Big Mo" ate up the backboards and nets in a tremendous inaugural effort in his first pro game.

If anyone had a notion that this was just beginner's luck, Mo soon dispelled the thought with consistent high grade shooting, rebounding, feeding and aggressive all-around play.

Rochester's fans through the years had become accustomed to watching great players in their own bailiwick, former Royals standouts such as Bobby Davies, Red Holzman, Fuzzy Levane, Bobby Wanzer, George Glamack, Otto Graham, Arnie Risen, Cervi, Franny Curran, Andy Duncan, Arnie Johnson.

But this Stokes, he was something different. When he injured a leg severely, enough to put most players out of action, he simply had it taped up like a mummy and played on what amounted to a leg and a half.

The fact that Stokes played so brilliantly on a club that turned out to be the losingest club in the eight-team NBA circuit last season is just more of a tribute to his ability and hustle.

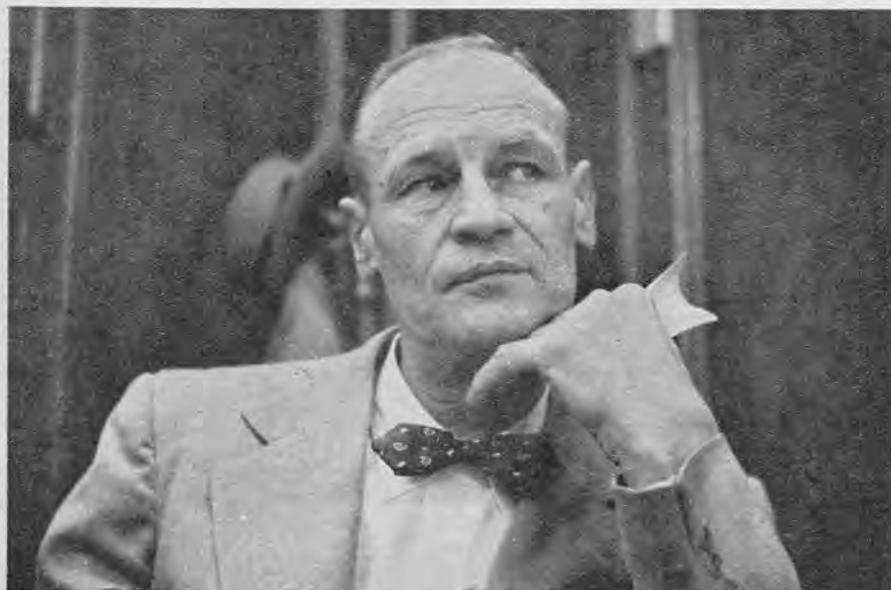
When Stokes was burning up the boards in college, he was one of the most sought after players by the pros.

To sign Stokes, named most valuable player in the National Invitational Tournament, Royals' owner Les Harrison had to outbid Abe Saperstein, the crafty impresario of the world-famed Harlem Globe Trotters.

Although figures were not divulged, it is no secret that Abe offered Stokes \$15,000 a season to join his touring company of Negro basketball magicians.

"Frankly," said Harrison, "Maurice signed with us for less than Abe's figure."

"Eleven months of basketball with the Trotters is too long," Mo explains. "I'd like some of those trips they make. But the competition made me choose the NBA. I figure if you do well in this



Joe Lapchick, former N.Y. Knickerbocker coach who has seen many professional cage stars, says that Stokes does just about everything on a basketball court.



league, you're doing it against the best players in the world."

Royals' coach, Bobby Wanzer, a great player in his own right, says of Mo: "He's a tremendous asset—over six feet, six inches tall and weighs 235 pounds but can move like a 180-pounder. Stokes gives us a terrific start for rebuilding our club. He was the guy we wanted but I didn't think we had much chance when I heard the Trotters were after him. After all Abe usually gets who he wants. Look at the way he grabbed off Walt Dukes when the Knicks (who now have him) were fighting for him when he came out of college."

The Stoker is extremely versatile on the court. He can play up front, in back or in the corners. He moves like a small man, rebounds beautifully and can play a man inches taller on even terms. He has all the shots including a deadly onehand push from around the circle. He passes off very well and often.

He takes no bullying from the league's veterans. When the rough play around the backboards began, Mo moved in and took charge, well enough in fact to mark him as one of the leagues' top rebounders as well as scorers.

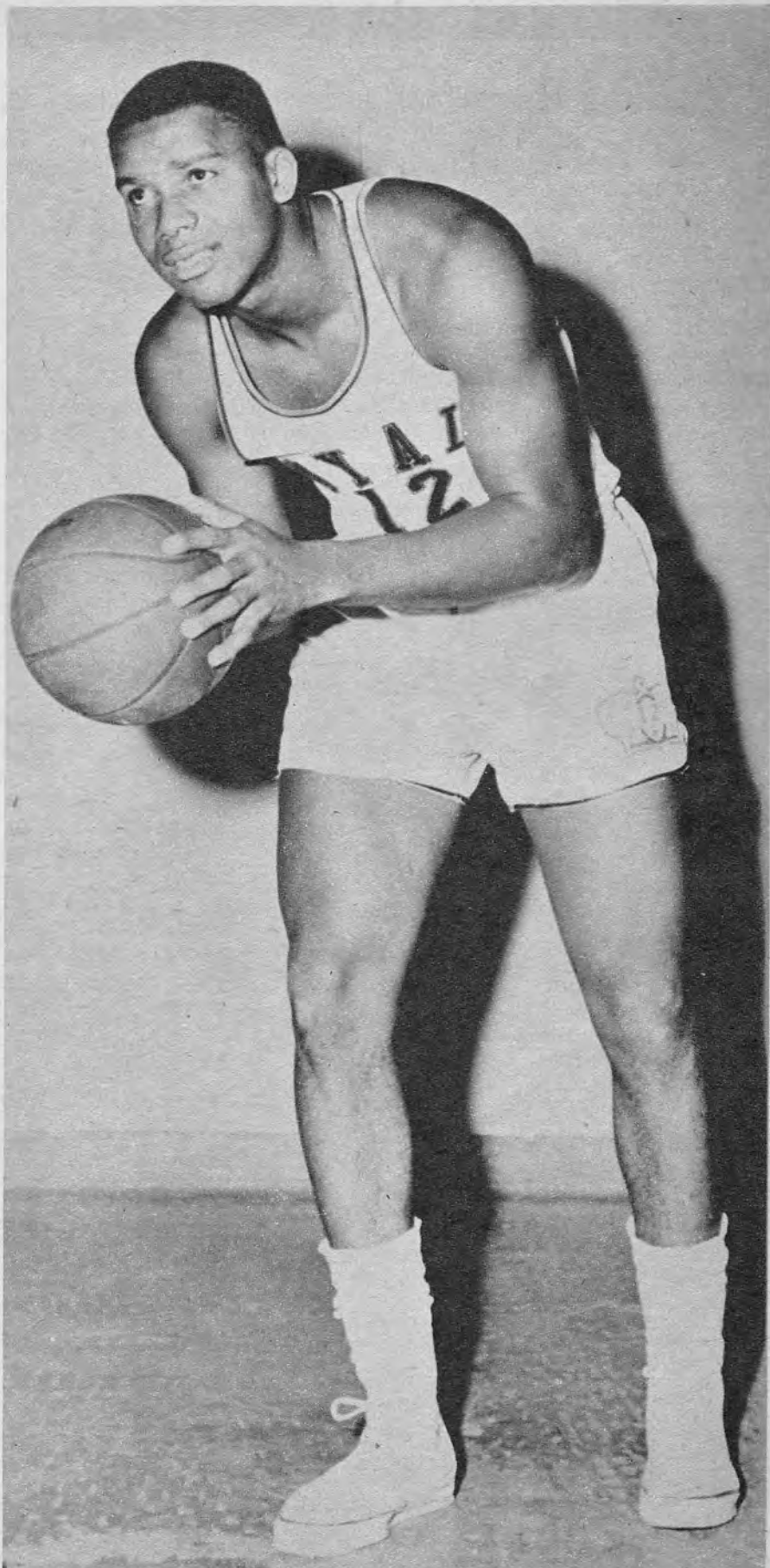
When he came out of Westinghouse High School in Pittsburgh where his father works in the steel mills and where he was a teammate of Royals teammate and former Niagara University star, Ed Fleming, Stokes could have named his college. He chose St. Francis because it had the double advantage of campus life and being near Pittsburgh.

Once when playing in a basketball game as a youngster, an opponent accidentally stuck a fingernail in Mo's eye. Surgeons had to remove a piece of the eye, and Mo had to wear a patch and dark glasses for a long time and still wears glasses off court now. But there's nothing wrong with his eyesight once the game starts. He doesn't even use the glasses in the game.

Highlight of his brilliant college career was the night he scored 43 points for the Frankies in a losing cause against Dayton in the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Sweetwater Clifton of the New York Knickerbockers was a spectator at that game. Afterwards, "Sweets" was almost speechless at what he saw. He recovered sufficiently to remark, "I've never seen anyone play like that kid. He does everything."

THE END



"Big Mo" Stokes has the equipment to be a great player. He's 6-7, weighs 235 pounds, and is fast. He is also a terrific rebounder, and has all the shots.

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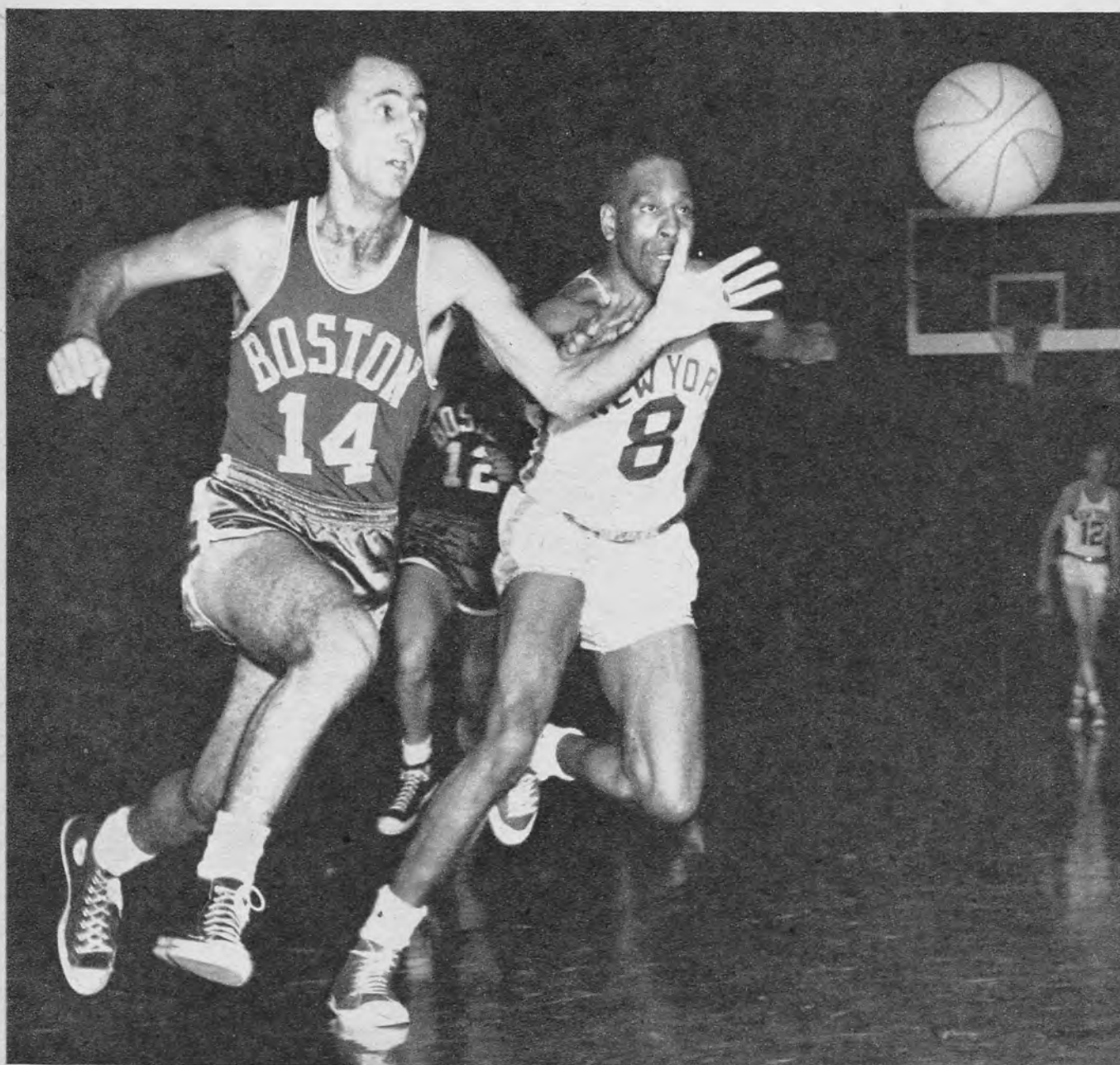
Professional basketball continues to grow in popularity with fans, and as a result new all-time high attendance record was set last season. And, with more

All-American college stars joining pro clubs outlook for this season is even brighter.

**W**ITH all but three of their 10 players home-grown products, the Philadelphia Warriors won the world's professional basketball title last season when they clinched the eastern

division race of the National Basketball Association and then went on to take the measures of Fort Wayne, western division champs, 4 games to 2. Mired in the lower half of their divi-

sion race for all but one of their seven previous seasons, the Warriors finally regained the championship that they had won with the league's inception in 1946-47.



Typical of the fast action in professional basketball is this race between Bob Cousy (14), brilliant Boston Celtic's star, and New York Knickerbocker's Nat Clifton (8) for possession of ball. Cousy won and proceeded to score two points.



In fact, the 1955-56 campaign was the finest in the history of the NBA. The league attendance of 1,305,417 for the 288-game schedule was the highest ever. Coupled with the 154,933 that took in the play-offs, the total attendance for the campaign was a record 1,460,350.

The regular Saturday afternoon NBC coast-to-coast telecast of the game-of-the-week over a network of 125 stations virtually blanketed the nation. It had a rating that suggested a weekly audience of approximately 15,000,000 spectators. This has gone a long ways in making household names of such stars as Bob Cousy, Bob Pettit, rookie-of-the-year Maurice Stokes, Jack George, etc.

The outlook for the coming season is even brighter. More of each season's crop of All-American stars are gravitating to the NBA to further themselves in their anticipated business professions. With stand out players of last season's collegiate season expected to strengthen all the teams by plugging weak spots and adding depth, the forthcoming league race should be the closest ever.

With the league standings not giving a true picture of what little difference exists between the teams, there is no telling where the teams may finish. However, one must favor Philadelphia to repeat, even though its tall back-court act, Tom Gola, is in the service.

St. Louis Hawks could complete a two-year rise from the cellar to the top of the western division race through the acquisition of the reliable Easy Ed Macauley, from the Boston Celtics, plus such rookies as Willie Naulls, of U.C.L.A.; high scoring Darrell Floyd of Furman, Robin Freeman, Ohio State's Big Ten scoring champ; Norm Stewart, the best in Big Seven ranks last winter; and Frank Hagan, of Kentucky's undefeated team of three years ago.

Rochester, in completing a rebuilding job that has left the club with only two of 10 players of two seasons ago, may go places with newcomers like Sihugo Green, of Duquesne and Dave Piontek, 6-foot, 5-inch star of Xavier (O.).

New York, somewhat of a disappointment last season in failing to make a play-off spot and witnessing coach Joe Lapchick resign in favor of Vince Boryla, will be in a position to floor the tallest team in the history of the game, with such newcomers as 6-7 Ron Shavlik, of N.C. State and 6-8

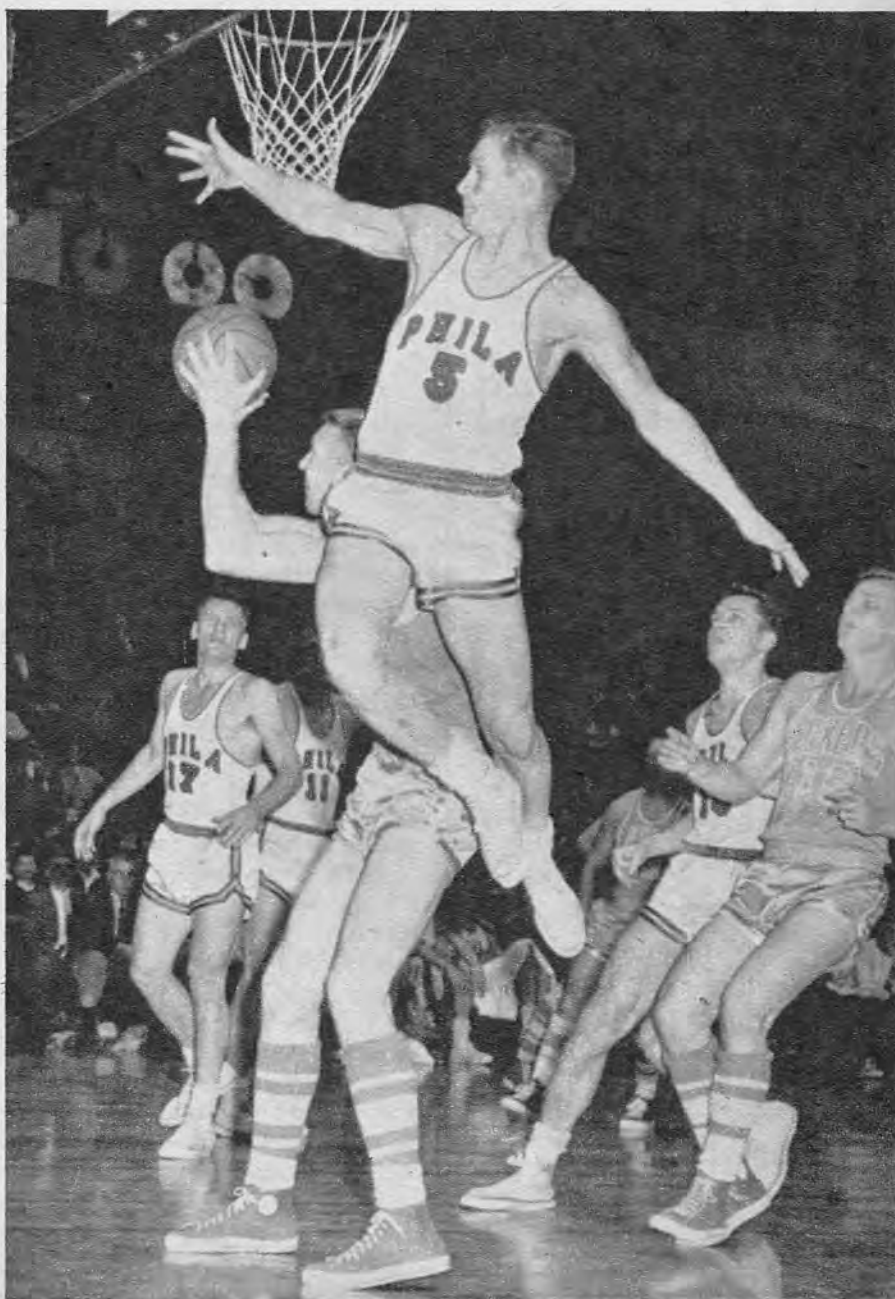
Gary Bergen, of Utah. The two, if teamed with 6-9 rookie Kenny Sears, 6-11 Ray Felix and 7-foot Wally Dukes, would give the Knicks backboard strength that would be a sight to behold.

The Syracuse Nationals, erstwhile world's champions, picked up a great prospect in 6-foot, 6-inch Joe Holup of George Washington. The Fort Wayne Pistons, in an effort to bolster its back court, secured Gene Shue of New York, in addition to drafting Bill Thieben, of Hofstra, regarded by many as the top player in New York City area last winter. Minneapolis, striving to offset the retirement of Jim Pollard and George Mikan—who returned in

mid-season but only a shell of his former self—drafted such well known hoopsters as Dayton's Jim Paxson, Jerry Bird, of Kentucky; Lloyd Aubrey, Notre Dame; high scoring Bill Reigel, of McNeese and "sleeper" 6-10-inch Phil Jordan, formerly of Whitworth, who starred for Buchan's Bakery, AAU tourney champs, of Seattle.

Boston, in an effort to plug its defensive weakness, drafted 6-foot 10-inch Bill Russell, San Francisco mainstay. A member of the U.S. Olympic team, Russell will decide in December whether he will wish to play in the NBA, which now features the cream of

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Minneapolis Lakers' Lew Hitch failed to score on this play due to high-flying George Dempsey (5), of the Phila. Warriors. Warriors won game 116 to 103.

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the colored hoopsters. Boston also drafted another All-American in Tommy Heinsohn, of Holy Cross and is expecting Frank Ramsey out of the service by mid-December. Another soon to return from the Armed Forces is Dick Knostman, of the Syracuse Nats.

In spite of the difficulty many All-Americans find in making the NBA, no fewer than 18 newcomers made the grade last winter. Between several entering the services and veterans going into retirement, an equal number might make the grade this winter. With the release last December of Max Zaslofsky by Fort Wayne, the only 10-year man left in the circuit was Connie Simmons, who successively saw service with Boston, Baltimore, New York, Syracuse and Rochester.

A new scoring champion was crowned last winter when Bob Pettit, of St. Louis, finished with a rush to roll up 1849 points for a 25.7 point game average. Striving to over-take him all season were two ex-scoring champs, Paul Arizin, of Philadelphia, who netted 1741 points for a 24.2 point average, and his running mate, Neil Johnston, who wound up with 1547 points and a 22.1 point average.

Where Pettit took top rebounding honors with a total of 1164 recovers, Johnston posted the highest floor shooting average, 45.7%. In free throws, Bill Sharman, of Boston, continued to reign supreme by converting 86.7% of his 413 charity tosses. Boston's Bob Cousy, still the game's No. 1 attraction, not only led in the assist department, but set a new league record by completing 642 direct passes for scores.

Among the more outstanding performances of the season, Pettit twice tallied 46 points in an outing, first against Boston on Dec. 27, and then against Syracuse on Feb. 24.

In the team statistics phase, Philadelphia had the best floor shooting mark, by caging 41.0% of its floor shots and Minneapolis was tops in free throws, with 78.6% conversions. Philadelphia was first in assists with 1886 and Boston, regarded for years as a weak rebounding team, led the league with 4583 rebounds, or an average of 64 a game. Rochester committed the most personals, 1990, during the campaign.

Without doubt, what is permitting the NBA to out-draw college basketball in several cities are the innovations that were introduced two years ago—the so-called 24-second rule and the

limitations of six personals per quarter. Not only has it eliminated stalling and taken the profit out of fouling, but it permits a faster, smoother game.

The annual East-West all-star game was played last January in Rochester's new Coliseum before a turn-away audience of 8517, with the West winning 108-94. In grabbing 24 rebounds and making most of his 20 points come when they meant the most, Bob Pettit won the most valuable player award.

The 1957 all star game will be played on Jan. 15 in Boston where it was thought up by Walter Brown a half dozen years ago. This classic was staged in Boston the first two seasons because the Celtics' owner was the only one willing to gamble with the spectacle. It did so well that it went to Fort Wayne the third year and then played in Madison Square Garden the next two seasons. A new angle will be lent to this year's classic in that a preliminary will be staged between two teams consisting of stars who played in the early years of the NBA. The old-timers will be determined by a newspaper poll of New England fans.

A breakdown of the schedule showed that the home team won only 64% of the games. New York had the unique distinction of having the only losing record at home, winning but 12 of 28 games. On the other hand, the Knicks were the only team to win a majority of their road games, winning 17 and losing 13. Then too, Philadelphia was virtually invincible in neutral court clashes, half of which were played in Madison Square Garden. The only team which was unable to win more than two games from an opponent was Minneapolis, which dropped 7 of its 9 meetings to Boston. There was a scoring differential of only 7.2 between Philadelphia, the top team, which held a 4.3 scoring margin over all opponents, and Rochester, the lowest club, which was outscored by only 2.9 points over the full season.

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New York Knickerbocker's Kenny Sears (white uniform) dives headlong for ball, but solid wall of Philadelphia Warriors stop him. Warriors are Joe Graboski, (left, rear) Tom Gola, Paul Arizin (arm upraised) and Jack George (background).

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# Determination With A Capital "D"!

By BILL MOKRAY

When Jack Nichols makes up his mind to do something he usually succeeds, and this spirit of resoluteness is responsible for his fine record as a student and athlete.

**C**APT. Jack Nichols of the U. S. Marines is in a class by himself. Besides being a member of the Boston Celtics, he is in his third year at Tufts

Univ. Dental School, using the income of his basketball earnings to finance his graduate studies. In addition, he is the only fellow ever to make the All-Pacific

Coast Conf. basketball team for five successive seasons.

Five years in college and in varsity competition for a fellow who had a straight A in almost all his courses! And a hoopster of all-American stature in college on no scholarship! It just doesn't make sense. No, it doesn't—until one learns the story behind such a phenomenal athlete.

Back in 1944 the most disconsolate fellow in all Seattle was a 6-foot, 8-inch hoopster at the Univ. of Washington. He wanted to join any of the branches of the Armed Forces but none would have him because he was too tall, even though he was willing to sign all kinds of waivers.

It was while in one of those occasional depressive moods that his attention was caught by a sign in a window of the local post office. It was a poster all of us have seen at some time—a handsome officer, in his dress blues, pointing a sharp finger and declaring: "Join the U. S. Marines!"

That was all the cynical freshman needed. An idea hit him. Throwing his head up, his shoulders back, giving a tuck to a sleeve here and rearranging his tie, "I'll show 'em!" he vowed as he marched in his best ROTC style into the recruiting office.

"Sir," he addressed the officer in charge. "My name is Jack Nichols. I'm 19, 6 feet, 8 inches. I want to join the U. S. Marines. I'll be most willing to sign any waivers you have. What can you do for me?"

The Colonel, sensing a crack-pot, hesitated as if attempting to fashion a courteous reply. On second thought, giving the stranger a second study, he hastily guessed that possibly he had an above average candidate. He rubbed his chin, slowly looked up a third time, and, as if pondering a weighty problem, drolled: "Are you serious, son? Do you *really* want to join?"

"Yes, sir," came a sharp reply, whereupon the recruiting officer dialed



Although Nichols is 6-8 in height he is a powerfully built man, strong and durable enough for the rough going.





In fast action during Boston Celtics vs. Knickerbockers game, Jack Nichols (16) stands ready to assist teammate Bob Cousy (14), who seems to have his hands full in tussle with Knicks' Dick McGuire. Ball went out of bounds on play.

the physical examination center and exchanged a few remarks. As he hung up, a smile came across his face, and he reached for some forms. In due time, the skeptical rookie was asked to raise his right hand. Much to his pleasant surprise he was advised that four inches had been lopped off and he was being sworn in as a 6 foot, 4 inch private.

It took Jack a long time to get into the Marines but in the last dozen years he's served four hitches. Last summer at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and the summer before at Camp LeJeune, he spent three months instructing rookies in boot training. When the Korean War broke out in 1950, he was called back into the service for two years. Back in 1944, soon after his original enlistment, he showed such promise that he was ordered to the Marine Corps officer training school at the Univ. of Southern California.

That was all right with Jack. As a freshman at Washington, he had made the All-PCC basketball team. Basketball was his first love and this assignment permitted him to continue at the game. For two seasons he played under the late Sam Barry and each time he made the all-conference team. With the war over, Jack returned to the Univ. of

Washington and continued to do even better in his studies and upon the court—in fact, so well in the latter that in his final year, 1947-48, he was accorded All-American honors.

It was no surprise, then, that virtually every NBA club was sounding him out on the likelihood of his playing major league basketball. None seemed more interested than Red Auerbach, the present Boston Celtics coach—then mentor of the Washington Capitols. However, Red had four hurdles to circumvent. Fifth in that year's draft selections, he could not pick Jack unless Providence, Boston, New York and Philadelphia all expressed preference for someone else. But leave such to Red. In his inimitable manner, he managed to learn that two of the clubs planned on taking territorial choices. Of the other two, he convinced them that their greatest need was anybody but a rookie answering to the physical qualifications of a Jack Nichols. Needless to add, Auerbach got Nichols on his first pick around.

In a way, the last laugh was on Red. He soon learned that signing Jack was much tougher than drafting him. The 1948-49 NBA season already was under way and Jack was still unsigned. In fact, it was causing Red lots of head-

aches and countless transcontinental phone calls that must have cost well over \$500.

Today, both Coach Auerbach and Jack Nichols are with the Boston Celtics and whenever Jack is ordered to run an extra lap after an especially tough practice, he doesn't fail to ask his mentor if he already hasn't extracted sufficient penance for those long distance phone calls. If Auerbach hasn't succeeded in gaining retribution with those extra laps, he has in twice forcing Nichols to change residences.

The first came in 1949, after Red left Washington to coach the Tri-Cities Hawks, the present St. Louis franchise. Red had barely located himself in Moline when he induced Owner Ben Kerner to buy Nichols. The following season, Red moved on to Boston and for three years he pestered Owner Walter Brown to bring Jack to the Celtics. This cost President Brown \$10,000, but it gave him \$20,000 worth of happiness, and he's never regretted making the deal.

Auerbach's satisfaction though, was short lived. The summer of 1954 was almost over when Jack decided to retire and enter some dental school on the west coast. It always was his ambition to become a dentist. While he was

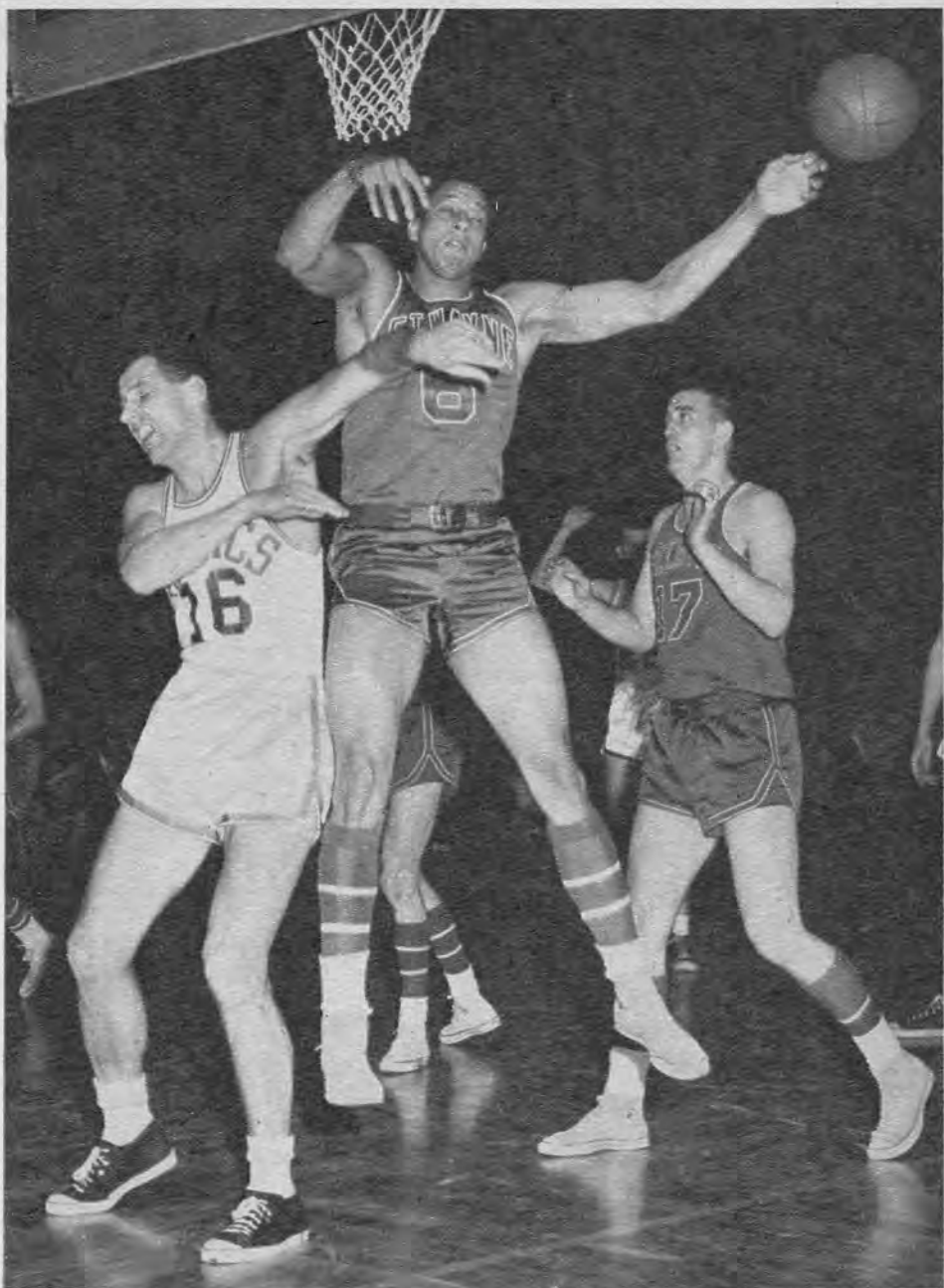
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resolutely against using a part-time player, Mr. Brown was so impressed with Nichols' principles and record that he asked Jack why he hadn't considered entering some eastern school—possibly one of those in Boston. The thought never occurred to Jack. The more he gave it thought, the better he liked it, for it would enable him to support his family and finance for his studies between his earnings and GI education grant. Mr. Brown immediately consulted Nick Del Ninno, the BOSTON TRAVELER's basketball writer and himself a hoop star at Tufts. Sure enough, Nick knew the admissions head at Tufts Dental. If Jack's undergraduate grades were superlative and if he promised that studies would take precedent over basketball, they would welcome him.

So that Jack may participate in pre-season work-outs and games, the Boston Celtics moved their pre-season base from Ellsworth, Me., to the Browne & Nichols School gymnasium in nearby Cambridge, Mass. Because he had lectures or labs until 4 p.m., the Celtics moved their usual morning drills to the early evening. Jack's schedule is the tightest imaginable. For two years now, he and Mrs. Nichols have never had a night out; with him, it's a steady diet of books, classes, lab, practice, flying trips and what sleep he can snatch here and there. After all, if Dr. Ernie Vandeweghe, formerly of the New York Knickerbockers, was able to mix medicine with basketball, why couldn't Jack? When asked how he maintains his pace, Jack facetiously replies that "it's not bad as long as you detest sleep!"

Quite often, Jack drives directly from Tufts to Boston's Logan Airport to catch a fast plane to a Celtics road game, then leaves his teammates and flies back to Boston, possibly just in time for an 8 a.m. class the following morning. There was an instance last December when flying conditions delayed his St. Louis plane so that he managed to dress in the wash room of the DC-6, then hailed a cab for Keil Auditorium in time to start the second quarter.

A year ago, the so-called "experts" relegated the Celtics to the cellar of the eastern division race. That the Hub team was the surprise club of the league was attributed, in many ways, to the spectacular manner in which Nichols played. His clutch rebounding was fantastic. Even though he missed a dozen games because of class conflicts



Odie Spears (center), Fort Wayne, missed this shot when Jack Nichols (16), Boston came in and deflected ball away from basket. Nichols is strong on defense.

or injury, he led the club in rebounds, with 625 in 60 games. As a scorer, he was fourth with a game average of 14.3, which is superb when one considers that the first three were such scorers as Bob Cousy, Ed Macauley and Bill Sharman. In fact, many attributed Boston's early season seven-game winning streak—all on the road—to Jack's wonderful playing. A tip off on that came when the club tied Philadelphia for first place on New Year's day and, after Jack strained a muscle and missed a half-dozen games, the club had trouble holding on to second place. Some even felt that Jack belonged in the annual NBA all-star game.

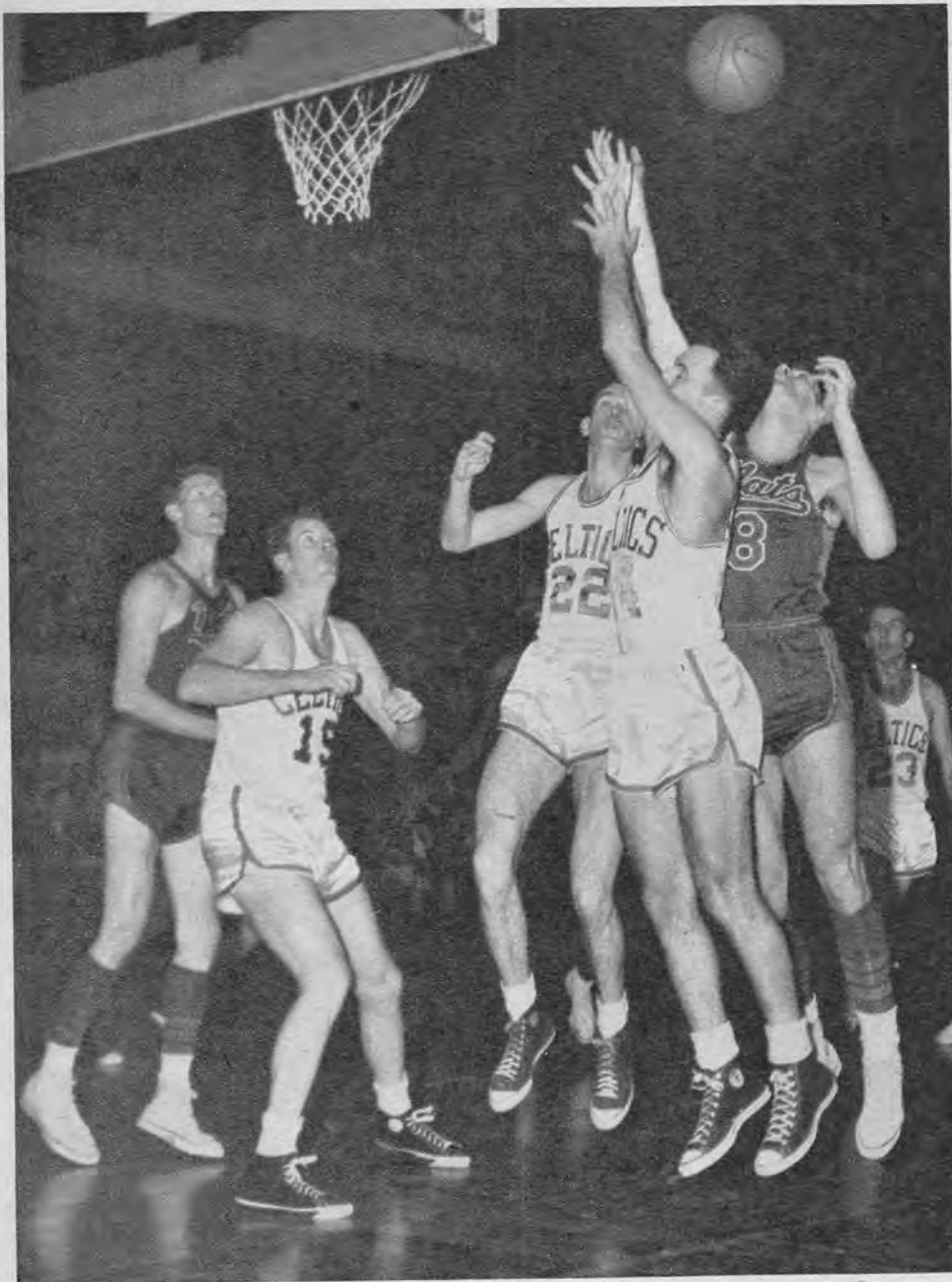
If the summer of 1954 had Coach

Auerbach in a dither, July 1955 was a nightmare.

Jack aggravated an old knee injury

While swimming at Camp LeJeune, and the post doctor suggested immediate removal of the cartilage. Jack went wild with rage. His entire future lay in balance. If the operation failed, his basketball career was at an end. That in turn meant he could no longer continue at Tufts Dental, nor realize his life's ambition. In an effort to call off the operation, Jack phoned Mr. Brown who sought the expert advice of Dr. Thomas Kelley, the team physician. However, Dr. Kelley was on vacation so Mr. Brown contacted one of the Boston Bruins physicians, Dr. Richard





Boston Celtics' Ed Macauley (22) and Bob Cousy (14) go high with Syracuse Nationals' Ed Conlin (8) for a rebound. Red Morrison, of Boston (left) looks on.

Kilfoyle, but he was soon to go on his vacation.

The perplexed Mr. Brown phoned Coach Auerbach. Red's father-in-law, Dr. Lewis, a Washington, D. C. physician, knows several on the staff of Johns Hopkins University, and he had one of the doctors phone LeJeune surgeons to phone Dr. Kilfoyle (talk about your Tinker to Evers to Chance!) who then phoned Dr. Lewis, who phoned his son-in-law, and Red in turn relayed the verdict to Mr. Brown. During all this time, Nichols was striving to have the whole thing called off.

All this long distance telephoning went on for four days, which subsequently prompted Eddie Gottlieb, of

the Philadelphia Warriors, to remark that Walter Brown spends more money in one year on phone calls than Gottlieb spends on the pre-season conditioning of his world's champions. Anyway, the operation was a glorious success and 1955-56 proved his best season.

Jack's introduction to basketball came at the age of 10 in Monroe, Wash., in one of those pint sized grade school gyms that is heated by a pot belly stove. It was his good fortune to have a teacher who volunteered after school hours to teach the midgets all they were eager to learn. The next year, a county league was formed. Being a head taller than the others, Jack devel-

oped an early love for the game. In high school, he was taught by Stan Bates, currently of the staff of Washington State College. When Jack's family moved to Everett, Wash., he entered stronger competition. Graduating in 1943, he didn't wait for any of those fabulous scholarships one usually associates with schoolboy stars. He simply went to the Washington campus, as his brothers and sister did, and declared his intentions for enrolling.

In playing for Hec Edmundson, since retired, he credits him for much of his knowledge of fundamentals and benefits from correct conditioning.

Mrs. Nichols who, as Miss Gloria Gebert, had a cousin of All American stature at Washington State, is a true "basketball widow." In a dozen years, she's "gypsied" with her husband no less than 32 times. A faithful attendant at all Celtics home games, she understands how moody professional athletes can get at times, particularly when things don't go right or the team goes into a tailspin. In fact, Jack is of the opinion that when honors are dispensed, some sort of All American awards should go out to those wives who have much to do with their husbands' accomplishments.

The Nichols have one child, seven-year-old Steven who sees his Dad play only in the Sunday afternoon home games. If height should determine Steve's future and if he doesn't stop growing, he might yet become the NBA's first eight-foot player.

One day last summer at Camp Pendleton, an admiring rookie asked Jack to name the most thrilling moment of his basketball career. After deep thought, Jack had to split it three ways; the first that night, as a freshman, he played varsity ball for the Univ. of Washington at Edmundson Pavilion; second, the evening he set a new Pacific Coast Conf. scoring mark of 39 points against Idaho—since broken; and third, that moment when Bert Rose, then the Huskies' publicity director, got him out of a deep sleep to say that he had just been accorded All American honors.

Who, amongst those fourth graders back in Monroe, Wash., in 1935 ever gave thought that one of their numbers would, 13 years hence, become an All American, not to say anything of using that very game as a means of realizing his dream of becoming a dentist?

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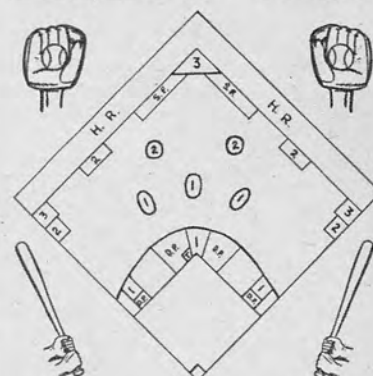
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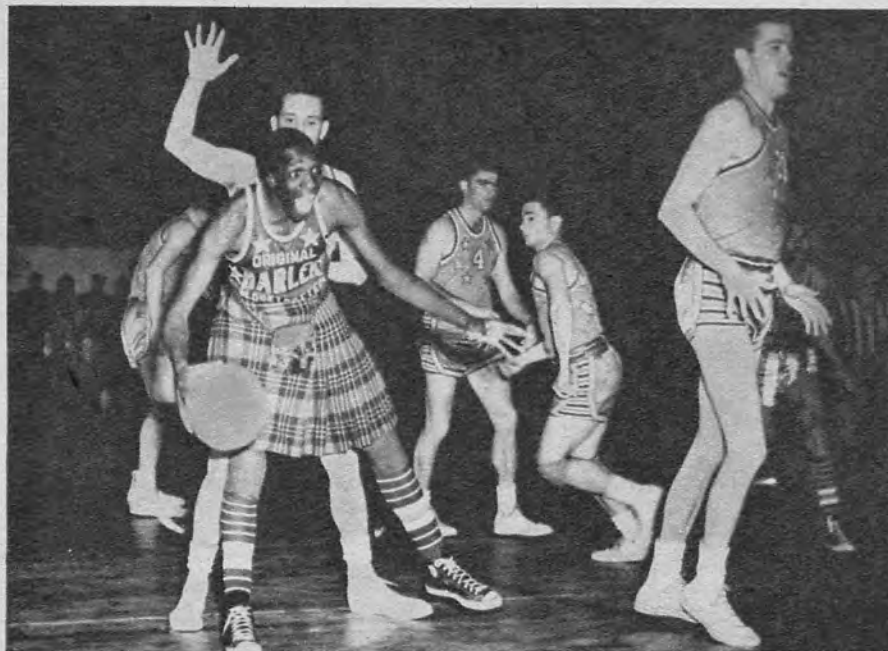
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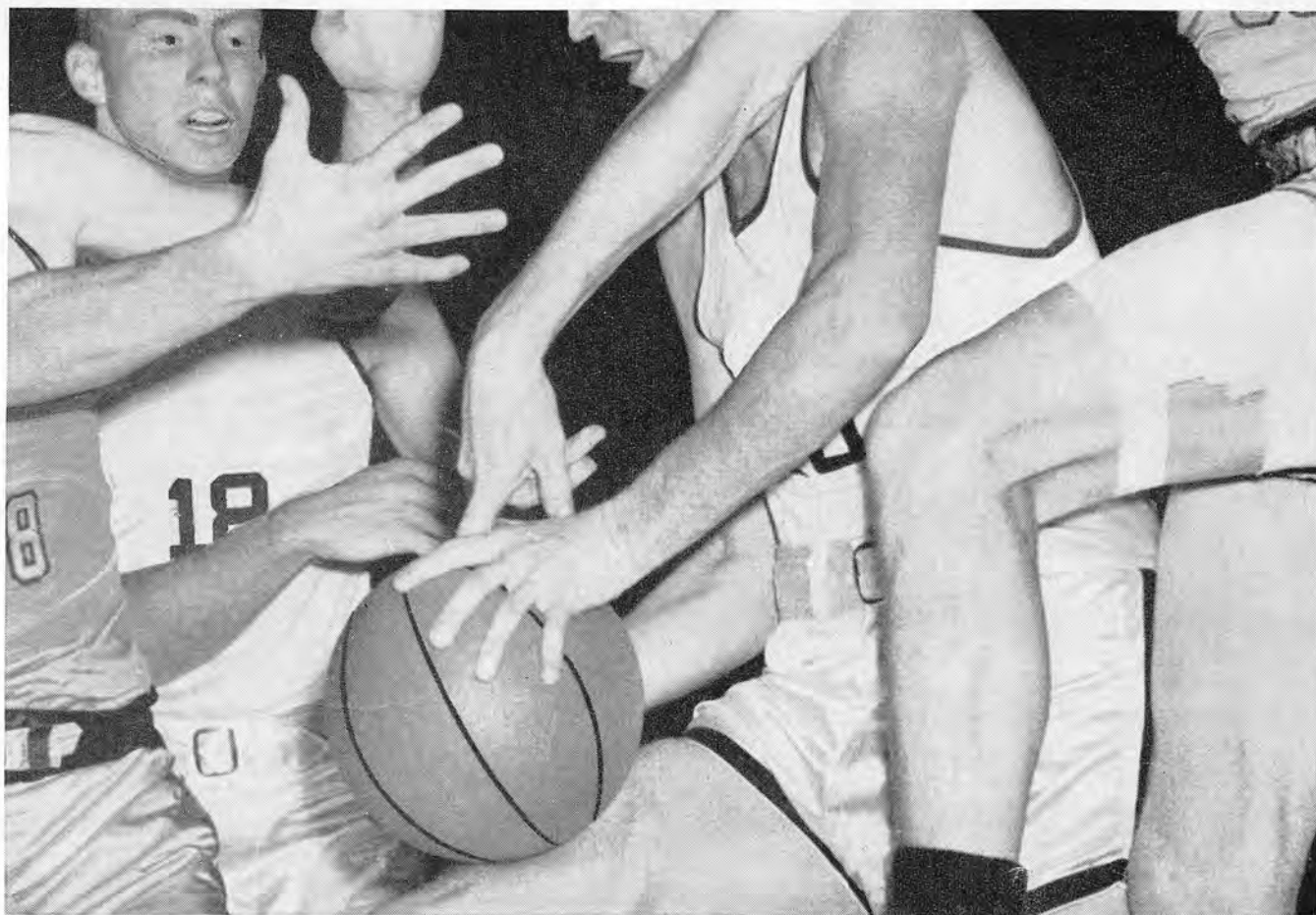
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